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IT'S A ROYAL WEEK OF 100th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS AS...

Cowbridge's Sinah notches up her glorious century!

by TIM CHAPMAN

THE 100th birthday of a Cowbridge woman has been marked by a week of celebrations and telegrams from the Queen and from Wales' First Minister!

Mrs Sinah Jones, who lives in Westgate in the town, had a party on Wednesday, May 19, at the Welsh Club she attends in Cardiff.

But as her daughter Catherine explained, that was just the beginning: "On the Thursday, there was a party held at the day care centre in The Gathering Place in St Athan.

"On Friday – her actual birthday – the Mayor and Mayoress of Cowbridge brought her a lovely jasmine plant.

"Alun Cairns, the new MP, also visited, and she said she might consider voting for him next time!

"On the Saturday, we had a day in the garden with family and friends.

"Then on Sunday, she was given a cake and chocolate at Salem Chapel in Canton.

"My mother also received cards from the Queen and Carwyn Jones, the First Minister, Cheryl Gillan (Secretary of state for Wales) and Lord Dafydd Elis Thomas (Presiding Officer of the Welsh Assembly) who is a family friend."

Sinah told The GEM: "I was born and grew up in Cwmpenaner, a small valley in north Wales.

"I met my husband John Watkin Jones at a local eisteddfod. He was an accountant and worked for a firm in Bala.

"John was a lovely, quiet man and we had a good life together – one of my great memories is going to the National Eisteddfod together each year.

"We had two daughters, Nansi and Catherine."

For a time the couple lived in the village of Capel Celyn, situated in the Afon Tryweryn Valley, although they left before it was flooded to build a reservoir to supply water to Liverpool and the Wirral.

After living most of their lives in north Wales, Sinah and John moved to Cowbridge 15 years ago to live with Catherine and her husband Robbie.

John died 12 years ago after 64 years of happy marriage.

Catherine said: "I wouldn't have been able to look after my parents without the support of my husband Robbie – mum dotes on him."

"Nansi and I both share caring for my mother."

Catherine said Sinah had been blessed with great genes: "My mother's parents died in 1951 and they were both in their eighties. She still has lovely skin."

Those wishing to live a long and happy life should also note that Sinah has never been a smoker or drinker!

She enjoys her family – her two daughters, two granddaughters, and a great-granddaughter – and finds time for regular shopping trips into Cowbridge, and to attend Merched y Wawr, the Welsh women's organisation which meets once a month in the Red Cross Hut.

Sue John, the manager of the day care centre in St Athan, said: "Sinah is always on marvellous form and is a great advert for her age."

ABOVE:
Family and friends wished Mrs Sinah Jones a very happy 100th birthday at The Gathering Place in St Athan.

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Name your 'Good citizen'

COWBRIDGE with Llanblethian Town Council is inviting nominations for the 'Award for Good Citizenship', which recognises an outstanding voluntary contribution to the community.

Nomination papers are available from the town clerk's office and must be returned by Monday, June 14.

Cowbridge town clerk, Andrew Davies, explained: "The town council is aware there are a number of people within the community who make a substantial voluntary contribution which enhances the quality of life of individuals, or the community.

"Although individuals or families may have shown their appreciation for support, the council feels there should be public recognition of such voluntary efforts."

People filling out nomination forms are asked to give a brief outline about the person(s) nominated. People from outside the area can be nominated as long as the voluntary work is carried out within the town council area.

A certificate will be presented to the recipient by the mayor on Civic Sunday, July 4.

Cowbridge man arrested on suspicion of £1million fraud

POLICE said this week that a 47-year-old man from the Cowbridge area had been arrested on suspicion of investment fraud in excess of £1 million.

A police spokeswoman stated: "Following a detailed investigation by eight officers from the South Wales Police economic crime unit, search warrants were conducted at domestic and commercial premises in the Cowbridge area, in which computer equipment was seized to help with enquiries.

"The alleged offences are said to have taken place over a four-year period, and relate to the misplacement of investments.

"Currently, police are dealing with allegations from six families in the south Wales area."

She added that a suspect was in custody at Cardiff Bay Police Station,

Work to start on school's revamp

ON page 5 of today's GEM, we report on excitement at Pendoylan Church-in-Wales Primary School, as final preparations are made for work to start on a £3.6 million refurbishment.

The work will also ease traffic congestion in the area.

Full house for choir

THE 40th anniversary concert, given by Cowbridge Male Voice Choir, was pronounced a great success last week.

The choir were joined by the internationally-renowned soprano, Iona Jones.

To mark their anniversary, the choir appeared for the second half of the show in new blazers – consigning their maroon ones to history!

What do the new ones look like? See next week's GEM for photographs of the evening.

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Calling Brussels' balance sheet to proper account

YOUR correspondent's encomium on the EU (GEM letters, May 13) ignores the fact that any money we get from it is only a part of what we gave to it in the first place.

If we kept our own money, not only would more be available for the worthy causes he mentions, but we could spend it as we see fit – and not as we are told by Brussels.

Goodness knows how much of it is lost in EU salaries, expenses, pensions, fraud and plain incompetence as the cash wends its way through the EU's apology for an accounting system.

We may recall that its accounts have not been approved for 14 years. Any government giving millions of pounds a day to such a private company would have ended up in jail decades ago.

Of the 1.7 million invaluable jobs created under New Labour, the Office for National Statistics says that 1.6 million have been taken by immigrants. (Editor – Daily Express 8/4/2010).

And why do we need the EU to tell us what is safe to eat and drink? Can we not work this out for ourselves? As to humanitarian aid, if your correspondent had £100 to give to charity, would he pick one himself, let the UK government distribute it, or send it to Brussels?

Finally, what about the EU commissioners who rule our lives now? Proportional representation? First past the post? If Lord Mandelson is anything to go by, they are elected on the single vote of their best friends. How do we voters get rid of them? We can't.

The European arrest warrant and habeas corpus, bailing out profligate Greeks and EU doctors too dangerous to be let out are for another time.

RH Bradshaw, Cowbridge

True scale of the cuts for Wales?

LAST week, Plaid Cymru AM Chris Franks, was accused of 'scaremongering' by our new Conservative MP Alun Cairns, about the size of cuts to Welsh public services – £220m this year.

Would Mr Cairns give that same answer to the independent Auditor General for Wales who said, only a few weeks ago, that Wales could expect around £3 billion of cuts during the next three financial years?

If so, then it is in direct contrast to what he said on the campaign trail last month, when he clearly relished immediate cuts of £6bn from UK spending.

Mr Cairns cannot be all things to all people: his Conservative government has already failed Wales at the first hurdle, by not implementing a fair funding scheme that means we continue to lose out by a further £300m per year – money that should, by right, be going to our schools and hospitals.

When job cuts begin and public services are lost because of a lack of funding from Westminster, there will be nowhere for Mr Cairns to hide.

Dr Ian Johnson, Barry

(The writer was the Plaid Vale candidate at the general election)

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AM hits back at the Vale Council over consultants' charges

I WAS surprised to read the comments of Peter Evans, Director of Legal Services at the Vale of Glamorgan Council, (GEM, May 20) in response to an appeal I made to the Information Commissioner about the authority's refusal to supply some information on the costs charged by consultants.

Mr Evans makes reference to bills submitted by a consultant containing personal details including address, bank account number and sort code.

I wanted to make it perfectly clear that I did not, and would not, request such personal information.

The council could have easily removed those details, while still providing what was asked for.

The Information Commissioner found against the authority in a 25-page judgement and dismissed the council's arguments in support of its refusal to provide the information requested.

It found that the authority had breached and incorrectly applied six sections of the Freedom of Information Act.

The Commissioner made it clear that there is strong public interest in transparency in relation to the use of public money. I trust the council will now embrace the Freedom of Information Act instead of trying to avoid scrutiny over how it spends public money.

LEANNE WOOD, (Plaid Cymru AM, South Wales Central)

'Vale trunk road is the answer!'

I FIND it hard to believe that a two-page spread had been inserted in The GEM by the Vale of Glamorgan Council to find out public views on the Five Mile Lane road between Sycamore Cross and Weycock Cross.

I think if I asked my dog to say what was needed, he would tell me in a flash.

It needs a trunk road status-dual carriageway, with enough land each side for future requirements – the road straightened with a roundabout at each end!

For goodness sake, get on with it and stop wasting time and money in this fashion!

JW Jenkins, Cardiff

Were you in the Observer Corps ?

THE Observer Corps was founded 85 years ago this year, in October 1925, to provide visual detection, identification, tracking and reporting of aircraft over Great Britain.

As a result of their role during the Battle of Britain, in April 1941 the Observer Corps was granted the title Royal by King George VI, and the Royal Observer Corps (ROC) became a uniformed civil defence organisation administered by RAF Fighter Command.

Also during that same year, in a change from the policy of the Observer Corps, the ROC undertook to recruit women personnel for the first time.

Initially, the only uniforms provided were RAF overalls, with an ROC breast badge, commonly referred to as the 'soup plate' because of its shape and size. Standard issue RAF No.2 Battledress uniforms were issued in a rolling programme over the next two years. For the remainder of the war, the ROC would provide an essential part of Great Britain's air defences.

I am seeking photographs of local people who served with the ROC in WW2 to display as part of the forthcoming 'Armed Forces Day' event at Cardiff Bay on June 26 and can be contacted by telephone or e-mail.

Dr Jonathan Hicks, chairman, Vale Heritage Centre Coalition; tel 07708 255295 or email: *ninian27@btinternet.com*

Don't spoil the park!

CARAVANS at Porthkerry Park? What an horrendous idea... The park is the loveliest spot in Barry.
PÏlease, please, please don't spoil it!
Valerie Lowning,
Rhoose

Nowhere to park in Llantwit Major

CAN anyone tell me what has happened to Llantwit Major car park? For the last three weeks, as regular shoppers there, my husband and I have not been able to find a vacant parking space as the car park is full of cars.

We had to leave and go elsewhere to do our shopping as there was nowhere to park.

We have decided it is not worth wasting petrol to go there again and decided to go elsewhere.

Has anyone else found this a problem?

C Turner, Wick

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JUNE 3)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
27 Thur	06.31	9.3	18.56	9.4
28 Fri	07.18	9.4	19.39	9.5
29 Sat	08.01	9.4	20.21	9.6
30 Sun	08.41	9.2	21.02	9.3
31 Mon	09.21	8.9	21.38	9.1
01 Tues	09.56	8.6	22.15	8.8
02 Wed	10.33	8.3	22.55	8.4
03 Thur	11.11	7.9	23.36	8.2

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide tablespecific to their location.

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Vale Victim & Witness Support - Barry Magistrates Court, Thompson Street, Barry CF63 4SX. 01446 730704.

MP & AM's SURGERY TIMES

New MP Alun Cairns is still finalising his contact details but, to make a surgery appointment with Mr Cairns, contact the constituency office on 01446 733516 or e-mail alun@aluncairns.com

To make a surgery appointment with Jane Hutt AM, contact the constituency office (01446) 740981. Office hours are 9am-5pm. Answerphone service outside office hours.

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At 119 Broad Street, Barry. Drop in Mon-Fri (not Weds) 9.30am - 4.30am (Wed 11am-6pm); at Llantwit Major Youth Centre, Station Road 9.30am - 11.30am Mon and Fri. Telephone advice 0845 120 3756. *Further information www.adviceguide.org.uk*

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50 YEARS ON, MEMBERS MARK THEIR JUBILEE

Golden celebration for Cowbridge Art Society

LEFT: Cowbridge Art Society members and guests celebrate a golden occasion.

Picture by Mike Wilcock.

LAST Thursday in the St Quentin Suite of the Bear Hotel, 80 members and special guests enjoyed a buffet lunch to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Cowbridge Art Society.

The mayor, Coun Len Taylor, and mayoress, Mrs Janet Legg (on their first official function) attended, as did last year's mayor and mayoress Jon and Vi Harris.

Another special guest was Mrs Joanna Cory, widow of the society's founding president - a position he held until his death in 1981.

The Cowbridge Art Society was first formed 50 years ago. Its creation sprang from the desire of a handful of enthusiasts led by Mr and Mrs David Muir and Mr and Mrs Denis Ward who persuaded the university to start an extra-mural course of 'study in art appreciation' at the girls' high school.

ABOVE: Celebrating the golden jubilee were (from left to right) Ann Berrisford, Joanna Cory, Barbara Davies, the Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Coun Len Taylor, and Brenda and Maurice Dwek.
PHOTOGRAPH by MIKE WILCOCK

Under the guidance of Mr Charles White (head of art at Atlantic College) and his talented wife Mary, these classes proved a huge success, and so the society was formed.

By 1961, Charles White thought they were all good enough to have their own exhibition - hence the first exhibition in November 1961. Christopher Cory was president and David Muir chairman.

A collection of some of the old records was on show at the buffet lunch, together with various newspaper cuttings.

Members had scoured local people for examples of the work of founder members, and managed to find paintings by Olwen Muir, Betty Hurford, Harold Veale, Maud Gunter, Verley Russell, Margaret Rawlinson (including pottery), Nellie Richards, Nancy Cross, Charles White, Mary White (ceramics and pottery), Clodagh Gravos, Dulcie Mayne-Stephens, Sidney Halbritter and Sandy Greenwood.

The society since then has gone from strength to strength, and now has more than 70 members. Meetings are held in Old Hall on Thursday evenings in term time, and extra functions are arranged too.

There are two exhibitions each year - one in the summer in Cowbridge Library (this year, June 1-30) and the other each November in Old Hall.

The society is collating information regarding all the early years (in order to write the history of the CAS), and would be pleased to hear from anyone who can contribute (phone 01446 772760).

BRENDA DWEK

COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303

ABOVE: Paul on drums.

Sound of music

SITTING in the lovely gardens of the Simpsons' family home in the village of Llangan, the story of a life involved in music unfolded.

Paul began his musical career at the tender age of nine years, when his father bought him his first set of drums, costing a mere £35.

Paul's first engagement was with the school band and was paid seven shillings and sixpence for three nights. the band was called *Scholastics.* Paul was becoming well known as a proficient player and at the age of 13, he had a new set of drums, this time costing £139.

Paul's success continued, and he became associated with various bands: when he was 17, he played at Sophia Gardens Pavillion in a show celebrating Prince Charles's investiture.

Paul's drum solo brought an audience of over a thousand to their feet. Following that performance, he was invited to play before Princess Anne at the Royal Albert Hall.

Paul told me he had been inspired by the great Buddy Rich. In recent years, Paul has played in soul bands, and he now plans to seek out other musicians to form a new band to concentrate on jazz performances.

If any GEM reader is interested, please contact Paul on 07971 086464.

Good news

AT last, the road leading to Llangan and Treoes has been repaired – but alas, Treoes Village will have to wait a little longer for the repair work to be completed.

BEST-DRESSED WHEELBARROW!

ABOVE: Colwinston pupils with their prizewinning exhibit.

THE children of year-4 at St David's CW Primary School in Colwinston recently entered the annual schools wheelbarrow competition run by the Royal Horticultural Society in conjunction with the Legal and General.

More than 60 stunning wheelbarrows were exhibited in Bute Park, Cardiff. The competition was open to all schools in Cardiff, Caerphilly borough and the Vale of Glamorgan.

To enter, competitors had to decorate a wheelbarrow on any chosen theme.

Year-4 pupil Callum Hill designed the Treasure Chest themed wheelbarrow, pictured above, while fellow classmates contributed with the planting and decoration.

School caretaker, Mr Rob Thomas, made a replica treasure chest which now has pride of place outside the school entrance.

RIGHT: Chris and Rhys Harris are tackling a bank holiday charity cycle challenge.

Father and son in 'descent of Wales' charity challenge

A Cowbridge father and son team are tackling their own charity challenge – a bike ride they have called 'the descent of Wales'.

Chris (age 53) and 23-year-old Rhys Harris were inspired by the incredible efforts of Sport Relief fundraising teams and decided to do their bit!

They are going to cycle from north to south Wales, following the Lon Las Cymru Sustrans cycle route, and they aim to raise £1,000 for Sport Relief.

They will start at Holyhead this Saturday (May 29) and finish in Cowbridge on June 2. Chris is head of design and technology at Whitchurch High Scool in Cardiff, while Rhys, a former Cowbridge Comprehensive pupil, is a physiotherapist in London.

Chris told The GEM: "As it is north to south it is, obviously, all downhill, hence the title 'descent of Wales'!"

On a more serious note, Chris added that since watching the various challenges tackled during Sport Relief, he has been in strict training.

He said: "Neither Rhys nor I have ever cycled other than for fun, so I have been cycling three times a week from my home in Cowbridge to work in Cardiff.

" It's been all right, and there has not been too much of a problem with inconsiderate car drivers – although I have noted that the standard of driving is definitely better in the evening, when people are heading home!"

They will be taking their bikes 'up' to north Wales on the train, and overnight stops will be at bed and breakfasts.

Anyone wishing to sponsor Chris and Rhys should use the following website link: www.mysportrelief.com/chrisandrhysdescentofwales or go to the sport relief 2010 website and enter 'Chris and Rhys'.

'Singing Speaker' and the WI

AFTER the usual welcome, all ladies of Southerndown WI stood to remember their past president, Audrie Brooks, a member for over 25 years.

President Rhiannon then wished birthday greetings to two members and the record book was put on the table for all to read.

Five ladies will attend the NFWI conference at the CIA in Cardiff in June, the newsletter was read and discussed, and members said they looked forward to attending the Glamorgan WI show in August.

The resolution about correct labelling of food and where it comes from, was unanimously approved.

The competition was won by Barbara Honeywell and the raffle concluded the evening.

The Link meeting at Colwinston was very successful – the speaker was Geoff Woods, 'The Singing Speaker'. A quiz followed and a raffle.

Charity golf day

THE Cowbridge-based charity, Glaze, has organised a fundraising golf day at the highly-regarded Royal Porthcawl Golf Club.

Glaze, which raises cash for treatments for both prostate cancer and benign prostate conditions, are hoping that teams of four will sign up for the day, which is on June 25. Tee times are available between 9.30am and 3.30pm.

The founder of Glaze, Ray Murray, told The GEM: "The cost for a team of four is £280, and this includes a round at one of the most prestigious, exhilarating and historic golf courses in the UK.

"The day includes a two-course meal, and there is a car as a prize for a hole in one at a selected par three. It will be a great day out in aid of a worthy cause."

For more information, or to book a place, telephone Ray Murray on 01446 774545 or on ray@glazecharity.com

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THIS YEAR'S MAYOR RECEIVES HIS CHAIN OF OFFICE AT COWBRIDGE WITH LLANBLETHIAN

RIGHT: *The new Cowbridge with Llanblethian deputy mayor, Coun Andy Banks and his wife, Gillian.*

LEFT: *The Cowbridge contingent at the mayor-making ceremony.*

RIGHT: *Canon Derek Belcher (on left) and Coun Dr B Gibbon.*

AS WAS reported in last week's GEM, the new Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian is Coun Len Taylor, and his mayoress will be Mrs Janet Legg.

He formally took office in a ceremony last week in the council chambers, where he was joined by four local mayors and a number of local dignatories, including the Lord Lieutenant, Dr Beck, Wing Commander Jones and Jane Hutt (the AM for the Vale) and regional AM Andrew RT Davies.

Coming to the end of his year in office was Coun Jon Harris, who talked about his busy 12 months representing the council.

He said: "I have been given the fullest support by my wife Vi, as mayoress, and it is true to say that we could not have achieved what we have done without her expert and wholehearted assistance."

He added that his chosn charity was Breast Cancer Care and that a series of monthly coffee and home-made cake mornings, plus a special concert in the leisure centre, and the mayor's ball, had raised a total of £8,200.

Coun Harris thanked his fellow councillors for their support, and made a particular point of thanking the Cowbridge town clerk, Andrew Davies, and his assistant, Mrs Jackie Griffin, for their help over the year.

He concluded by saying: "I would like to say what an honour and privilege it has been to represent the town as its mayor, and I wish the new mayor a successful, interesting and enjoyable year."

COYCHURCH WI NEWS

Rare treat for the members at Highgrove

ON Wednesday April 14, a coach full of members experienced an enjoyable outing to Highgrove; albeit the weather was rather chilly, but everyone toured the magnificent garden learning about some of the unusual plants, and gleaning ideas.

Following a warm welcome to everyone at the May meeting, president Sandra Davidson read the NFWI report concerning the resolution for the legislation for mandatory compulsory and accurate labelling of the country of origin for meat, chicken and fish.

A debate followed and the 41 members present voted unanimously in favour of the resolution.

Sandra reported that the coffee morning held on May 6 was a financial success.

Schedules and advance tickets are available for the Glamorgan Show to be held at North Cornelly Community Centre and Public Hall on August 28, at £2 each.

The theme is 'Down the Garden Path'.

Details were related of the summer outing to Newbury, with a boat trip en-route on the river Kennet.

Sue Elworthy gave a brief outline of the GFWI meeting held on April 24 where Jamie Owen was the surprise guest.

The next council meeting will be held in Barry in October.

A letter of thanks was received from Sue Deenik-Carmichael. The evening concluded with a finger buffet and a quiz.

DIARY DATES.

NFWI AGM, CIA, Cardiff, Wednesday June 2.

Croquet tournament, Dyffryn Gardens, Cardiff, Monday June 7.

A day at the races, Ffos Las racecourse, Trimsaran, Thursday June 17.

Glamorgan Quiz, Hi-Tide Inn, Porthcawl, Wednesday June 30.

For further information on any of the activities, contact Sandra Davidson on 01656 669232.

Moving Pentecost service at Holy Cross

AFTER much hard work by Holy Cross church members, the Pentecost Sunday service began with about 100 people present, despite a day of 'beach weather'.

The church was beautifully decorated with doves and balloons and a central display on the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Young people greeted those present in various languages, recalling how the first disciples, filled with the Holy Spirit ,talked in different languages.

The music group consisted of a variety of people playing numerous instruments with a lead vocalist. After the reading on the coming of the Holy Spirit from the Acts of the Apostles, there was a dramatic sketch about a reporter telling his editor of the apostles being 'on fire' and speaking in different languages.

Everyone had been handed a small cut-out flame on which they had to write what gift of the Holy Spirit they wanted and these were hung on a 'Holy Spirit Tree'. This has been left up in Holy Cross Church for anyone to see.

There were quite a few new families present. Local MP Alun Cairns said: "I came along to this wonderful service because I received one of the fliers advertising it, and I also read about it in The GEM."

A local mother also said: "It was a marvellous service, which involved all the family. There was a powerful message about the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which both my family and I will remember."

A special birthday cake was cut and balloons given out to all the children. Some can still be seen hovering along the church ceiling!

Hazel Coates said: "It was a wonderful day and I felt the Holy Spirit was moving amongst us."

Ernest Coates, a lyric writer and drama performer, said: "It was truly an amazing experience that was uplifting and involved everyone."

Mrs Pamela Roberts, Parish Warden, said: "We are all looking forward to our next family service on June 20 at 10.45am in Holy Cross Church."

Canon Derek Belcher commented: "Along with the relaxed atmosphere and fun, there was great feeling of warmth and love from everyone.

"So much so, that I felt deeply moved by the whole celebration."

(SEE PICTURES ON PAGE 14).

NEWS FROM LLANTWIT MAJOR CHESS CLUB

Morwenna makes the Vale team...

LLANTWIT MAJOR Chess Club would like to congratulate one of its youngest members, Morwenna Brown, on being selected to play for the Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan team in the Wales Intertown competition. Good luck Morwenna!

Some of our junior members also hope to compete in Bridgend this weekend, as they have been invited to a competition there.

Llantwit Major Chess Club is based at Tabernacle Church, Methodist Lane, and meets on a Wednesday evening from about 7.15pm. The club will not be meeting on June 2 as it is half-term, but will open on Wednesday, June 9.

If anyone, of any age or ability, is interested in playing chess then they are more than welcome to come along. *For more details, contact Debbie on 01446 796208.*

DC

CADS cast take a bow!

THE recent CADS production of '*The Little Prince*' for the Cowbridge town twinning with Clisson, went off like a well–oiled piece of Victorian machinery.

The theatre was full, the audience was noisily enthusiastic and the support was overwhelming.

The effort put into the production, not only by the cast but the back stage management, was fantastic and it was brilliant to hear the audience demanding an encore – to which each member of the cast took an individual bow.

Amy Murray, Cowbridge

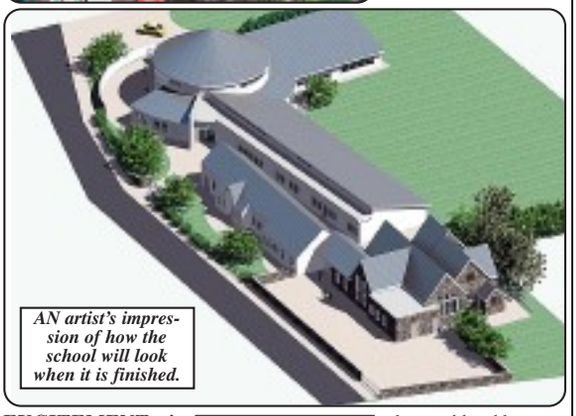
VALEWAYS WALKS

ON June 2, at 10am, walk around the Knap, starting from the Bridge Café, Cold Knap, Barry.

On June 4 at 6.30pm, St Quentin's Castle, Llanblethian, starting from the Town Hall, Cowbridge.

The Pendoylan Primary leaps into 21st century

ABOVE: Staff and pupils at Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School should see the beginning of work on their new building when they return from the summer holidays.



AN artist's impression of how the school will look when it is finished.

by TIM CHAPMAN

EXCITEMENT is building up at the Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School – with work due to start in the summer on a £3.6million redevelopment that will provide better classroom facilities, and a bus parking area to ease congestion on the main road.

Mrs Lyn Murray, who has been headteacher of the school since 1994, said: "The scheme will provide the best possible learning environment for the pupils.

"It is a huge boost for everyone at the school following on from the excellent Estyn reports in 2002 and 2008.

"The governing body has a vision that is taking us forward."

Members of staff point out that the village community will also benefit from changes at the school.

Mrs Kerstin Saye, a teacher at the school, who has lived in Pendoylan for 16 years, pointed out:

"When the school has functions, there can be disruption for villagers with people parking on the road outside – the new bus and parking area will solve that problem. What is planned is fantastic and will bring us into the 21st century."

The optimism of Mrs Murray and her staff is a far cry from the 1980s when pupils numbers had dropped to just 58 – now 206 youngsters attend the school.

Kay Collingridge, attended Pendoylan School as a pupil from 1980-87, and now teaches there.

"The school is a real part of the community. There are people who have attended the school in the past who are now seeing their children or grandchildren following in their footsteps."

In 1997, a new infants block was built, replacing three portakabins; the new work – the junior block – replaces four portakabins which have been in use for 12 years.

It will include a brighter, lighter working environment, a library space and computer facilities. The new off-road 'bus and parking area' will go ahead, thanks to a local farmer who agreed to sell the school part of a field.

Teacher Mrs Debra Jones, whose uncle Bill Williams was the chair of governors from the 1960s until the 1980s, commented: "We can't wait for the work to take place and be able to use the new facilities."

The current chair of governors, Jan Rees, said: "The governors and staff feel very fortunate that in these difficult times, they are able to go ahead with this development. We are delighted our vision is to become a reality.

"We're grateful to the Vale Council, the Llandaff Diocese of the Church in Wales and the Welsh Assembly for their investment. It's an acknowledgement that village schools play a very important role in their communities."

The history of Pendoylan School dates back 136 years and the aim of the new scheme, which should be finished by the autumn of 2011, will be to lay the foundations for the next century of learning in the village.

Bonvilston collision victims are named

FOLLOWING a fatal road collision at Bonvilston on May 19, the two men who died have been named.

Peter Clamp, aged 51, and Thomas Larvin, aged 21, both from Tamworth, Staffordshire, died after their Mercedes van left the road and collided with the wall of a cottage at 3.50am. No other vehicles were involved in the collision, and nobody else was hurt.

Peter, who had been driving the vehicle, sustained serious injuries during the collision and was taken by ambulance to the University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff, where he later died.

Thomas, who was the passenger in the vehicle, was pronounced dead at the scene.

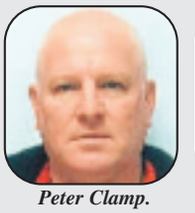
The families of both men are being supported by trained family liaison officers.

The police are appealing for witnesses, and investigating officers are keen to speak to anyone who was driving through Bonvilston at the time. Inspector Jason Stroud of the Roads Policing Unit said:

"It is vital that we speak to anybody who witnessed the collision or witnessed the vehicle being driven prior to the collision.

"If you have information that could help the investigation, but have not yet spoken to us, we'd urge you to please contact us."

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Roads Policing Unit on 02920 571600, or 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.



Peter Clamp.

Thomas Larvin.

ABOVE: A large section of wall of the renovated cottage was demolished when it was hit by the van.

The entente cordiale is still alive and well in Cowbridge!

Returning the Grand Slam trophy!

FROM Thursday to Sunday last week, Cowbridge again hosted a party of 48 from the twin town of Clisson in France.

Our twinning began in 1991 with the signing of the Twinning Charter by the mayors of the two towns.

The weather was excellent and the 'Entente Cordiale' between our two towns was strengthened further as old friendships were renewed and new friendships established.

There is always a happy atmosphere during our annual exchanges and this year was no exception. The mayor, Coun Jon Harris and the mayoress, welcomed the visitors on a warm sunny day in the Physic Garden.

On Friday, hosts took their guests to various attractions in Swansea and the Gower and all came together for a lunch at the Oxwich Bay Hotel.

In the evening, the Cowbridge Amateur Dramatic Society presented a special production of *The Little Prince*, a story well-known to the French. The script was in French, English and Franglais.

On Saturday, the guests and their hosts made the most of the fine weather and visited a wide range of interesting places, ranging from the Gower to Cardiff Castle.

The finale of the visit was a dinner in the Town Hall with music after the meal by 'Sounds Familiar'. At the dinner, Cowbridge presented back to Clisson the Grand Slam Trophy, first presented by Clisson when Wales won the rugby Grand Slam.

The visitors departed early on Sunday with the usual emotional and prolonged farewells as the participants from both towns looked forward to the return visit next year.

The Cowbridge Town Twinning Association welcomes new members interested in either the local social events or in exchanges with Clisson.

Anyone interested can contact either Ray Morgan on 01446 774566 or Andrew Lane 01446 772068. Learn more on the website at www.cowbridge-twinning.co.uk.

ANDREW LANE

ABOVE: The Mayor and Mayoress, with Bob Wilson, chairman of Cowbridge Town Twinning Association, and Gilles Renoul, chairman of the Clisson Twinning Association (with microphone). The lady on the left is assistant to the Mayor of Clisson.

NEWS IN BRIEF

FANCY doing something different, such as voluntary work?

If so, the Vale Volunteer Bureau is holding an outreach session for advice and information in Penarth Library today (May 27) from 2pm-4pm – with special guests George Thomas Hospice Care.

For further information about volunteering, contact Joe on 01446 421782, or visit www.vvb.org.uk

Summer show

THE Cowbridge Art Society's summer exhibition and sale of paintings will be taking place in the Library, Old Hall Gardens, from June 1-30.

NEW VALE MAYOR IS ELECTED AFTER YEARS OF SERVICE

Coun Colin Osborne and wife Ruby.

A MAN who worked as a lawyer has become the new Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan.

Coun Colin Osborne represents Llandough on the council, and he was invested with the chain of office at the annual meeting by outgoing mayor, Coun Emlyn Williams.

Mr Osborne was nominated by Coun Jeff James, who said that he had given excellent service to the community in his role as a councillor.

He said: "He and his wife Ruby are a well respected and well-liked couple.

"Colin will become first citizen of the Vale, and I am sure Colin and Ruby will fulfil all our expectations of a mayor and mayoress."

Coun Osborne thanked his colleagues for the honour of electing him as mayor, and said he was particularly keen to enhance the council's stewardship of children and young people throughout the Vale.

His chosen charities will be East Vale Community Transport, Llandough Primary School and Ashgrove School.

Coun Osborne is a Rhondda boy who attended Porth Grammar School.

He graduated in law from Birmingham University and then trained as a solicitor. He did his National Service at the War Office.

After this, he joined a law firm in the City of London, married Ruby and lived in Wimbledon.

He returned to Wales after his parents retired to Penarth and worked in Cardiff.

He later become a corporate lawyer with Wales Gas, where he remained until his retirement in his 50s.

After leaving Wales Gas, he trained as a Chartered Secretary and Administrator, and became a Fellow of the Institute – the ICSA.

He was a member of the institute's central management committee, administering its benevolent fund.

He first dabbled in local government by becoming a member of Penarth Town Council, and was then elected to the old Vale of Glamorgan Borough Council in 1992.

He was elected to the Vale Council, representing Llandough, in 2004 and re-elected in 2008.

He takes a keen interest in all things to do with education and is a governor of Llandough Primary School.

Coun Osborne is also an external examiner in A-Level Law for the Assessment and Qualifications Authority.

He is a past president of Penarth Rotary Club and past Secretary of Penarth Supper Club, as well as being a trustee of Rectory Road Bowling Club in Penarth and of East Vale Community Transport.

His other main interest is music.

The deputy mayor is Coun John Clifford of Llantwit Major, who was elected to the Vale in 2004, but has 30 years' service on Llantwit Major Town Council.

He was also nominated by Coun Jeff James, who said that he had worked tirelessly for the community and the church in the town.

He was invested with the chain of office by outgoing deputy mayor Val Ellis.

Coun Emlyn Williams thanked everyone for their support during his year of office and said it had gone very quickly. He thanked his wife Joan for all her support during the year.

Retiring Mayor hands £18,729 to his charities

Coun Emlyn Williams and his wife Joan with representatives of local charities who benefitted from his year in office. From left to right: Pam Allinson, Terry Ewington, Rene Gannon, Jenni Sweet and Peter Woollacott.

RETIRING Mayor of the Vale, Coun Emlyn Williams, raised £18,729.42 for charities during his year in office.

Of this, £2,328.82 was raised for the Alzheimer's Society; £3,883.44 for the Cardiff & Vale Breastfriends Support Group; £4,886.97 for the National Coastwatch Institution at Nell's Point; and £6,124.55 for local charities through fortnightly coffee mornings.

The Mayor's Charity Ball at Dyffryn Gardens raised just under £4,000 and Coun Williams thanked several companies for their contributions.

Coun Williams said: "This is a fantastic sum to raise for our local charities and we have had some great fun along the way at our fundraising events. I would just like to thank everyone for their support."

Fundraising weekend for local disabled riders

LEFT: Countrywide's Emma Underwood, Riding for the Disabled Association volunteer, Glenda Thompson (left) and disabled rider, Gordon Foster-Blyth (and Dillon the horse), saddle up for the Countrywide Fundraising Charity Weekend which will raise funds for Riding for the Disabled.

A FUNDRAISING weekend to support the charity, Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA), will be held from May 28-31.

RDA is Countrywide's charity of the yea and it is dedicated to improving the lives of people with disabilities through the provision of horse riding and carriage driving.

RDA is reliant on voluntary help and donations to deliver its services.

Wendy Kupinski of the Bridgend Countrywide store on South Road explains: "RDA is an amazing charity which really transforms people's lives and we have set ourselves the target of raising £50,000 for them in one year.

"Over the bank holiday weekend, this fun, fundraising event will take place at our store with a bouncy castle, a raffle to win Joules clothing and gift vouchers.

"There will be a chance to see miniature ponies and staff will be in cowboy and Indian fancy dress."

Bridge Club results

RESULTS of the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for May 17 were:

First, Debbie and Simon Richards 66.25 per cent; second, John Henson and Geoff Tinkler 65.21; third, Sue Norris and Sue Summerhayes 60 21; 4th, David Wright and John Raymond 60.00; 5th, Ray Smith and Gwynne Maddox 59.17; 6th, Mike Best and Kevin Maddox 56.04.

Cowbridge and District Bridge Club results, May 18:

First, Terri Pollard and David Wright 59.92; second, Myrtle Hansard and Margaret Bancroft 59.52; third, Mary Thomas and John Ireson 56.35; 4th, Sara Bartlett and Anne Hughes 55.95; 5th, Pat and Brian Swain 53.17; 6th, Debbie Rosevear and Mearl Owen 52.38.

Please note that we are now back at the Llanblethian Church Hall every Tuesday, starting at 7.30pm.

We welcome new members, as well as the support of existing members each week, to help improve funds and purchase new equipment.

BS

Vale MP's bilingual oath of allegiance

THE Vale's new Conservative MP, Alun Cairns, has made his oath of allegiance to the Queen in both Welsh and English.

Mr Cairns took the oath in the chamber of the House of Commons and used both languages – prompting speaker John Bercow to comment that it was a pleasure to hear the Welsh language spoken.

Another Welsh MP also took the oath bilingually at the same time – Glyn Davies, the new Conservative MP for Montgomeryshire.

Roadworks report

Plassey Street, junctions with Glebe Street, Ludlow Lane, Ludlow Street, Arcott Street and Windsor Road, Penarth – carriageway width restrictions.

Pontypridd Street, junction with Mount Pleasant, Barry – footway restriction in place.

PLAID SURGERY

PLAID Cymru AM Chris Franks, will hold a surgery on Friday, May 28, at Murchfield Community Centre, Dinas Powys, between 3.30pm-4.30pm.

No appointment is needed.

Loos talk

RHOOSE History Society meet at 7.30pm on Friday, May 28, at the Rhoose Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhoose, when the speaker will be Gavin Davies from Penmark who will give a talk on the Battle of Loos in the First World War.

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Enjoy a peaceful evening cruise to Weston Bay £17 SC £15

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More Assembly cash needed – or Vale schools building scheme is in trouble

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

THE next phase of the Vale Council's school building programme will be dependent on decisions to be made at the Assembly.

In turn, how the Welsh Assembly Government (WAG) responds to the Conservative / Lib-Dem coalition's demands for cuts could then be a crucial factor.

This became clear when the Vale Council cabinet agreed to the latest plan for phase two of the programme, bringing St Cyres School together on one site in Penarth, in a £57 million scheme now entitled 'the Penarth Learning Community'.

The council has coined the name for this second phase of the plan, as it appears that St Cyres will be joined by three special schools, Ashgrove, Ysgol Erwr Delyn and Ysgol Maes Dyfan, who will become parts of one larger 'campus'.

Phase one of the programme was, of course, moving Cowbridge Comprehensive School onto one site, and this project, budgeted at around £20 million, is due to be completed in time for the new school year in September.

Phase three will involve a mixture of new building and refurbishment at Llantwit Major Comprehensive.

The Vale Council is putting £12 million towards the £57 million scheme. The cash raised by selling off the land in Dinas Powys, currently occupied by St Cyres Lower School, will be part of that £12 million.

In a report considered and approved by the Vale Council cabinet last week, officers reported that The Penarth Learning Community has been advanced to RIBA Stage D+, which means it has an outline design and a cost plan, and is ready to be tendered.

The scheme includes St Cyres Comprehensive School and the amalgamation of Ashgrove, Ysgol Erwr Delyn and Ysgol Maes Dyfan on one site with residential and respite care, shared facilities and services.

The new development will be on land occupied by the upper St Cyres Comprehensive School, and Ashgrove and Erwr Delyn special schools.

The Welsh Assembly Government (WAG) prefers to fund 70 per cent of the cost, and the council report reveals that the total bill will be £57,330,000.

The council, however, is asking that WAG pay for 79 per cent of the scheme, as the £12 million under discussion amounts to just 21 per cent of the total.

Included in the council's £12 million is the cash that the council hopes to recoup by selling the Dinas Powys school site and also land at Ysgol Maes Dyfan.

A share of the receipts from the Penarth Heights development (£500,000) is also included.

In a letter explaining its policy on funding such school building programmes, WAG says that if it is asked for more than 70 per cent, it will be judged on whether a "sound business case" has been made.

Coun Tony Hampton said: "Our plans for the Penarth Learning Community will provide first class facilities for both secondary and special education needs pupils. We hope that the innovative nature of the plans will secure the necessary funding.

"As part of our 21st century schools initiative, in response to parental demand, we also hope to open a new Welsh medium primary school in Barry, adjacent to Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg and bring into use an area of wasteland as new playing fields."

However, the Leader of the Labour group on the Vale Council, Coun Neil Moore, said that he was worried about the way the proposal was passing through the council.

He told The GEM: "While Labour supports the building of new schools, there has been no chance to discuss this plan – particularly the financial side of it."

He pointed to the fact that the council's bid had to reach the Assembly by the deadline date of May 28.

Coun Moore said: "This looks like an underhand way of by-passing the scrutiny process.

"If any councillor tried to call it in, then that will mean missing the deadline!"

He added: "It now looks as if the school building programme is totally dependent on Assembly help, and I don't see a fall-back position."

The Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Gordon Kemp, said: "All members were invited to a presentation on the Penarth Learning Community last December.

"It has not been possible to consult scrutiny on the bid prior to submission, due to the very tight timescale set by the Welsh Assembly Government.

"However, the Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee will be considering the School Investment Strategy and Penarth Learning Community, in particular at its meeting on June 2."

Plaid AM Chris Franks said: "The Penarth Learning Campus is an important educational development. Plaid will support the local council's bid for money from the Welsh government.

"However, the council's reputation is not very high in the Assembly. The £5 million wasted work on the Penarth walkway project is still remembered. So the Vale cabinet will have to prove it can manage such a project."

Coun Gordon Kemp, said: "I would like to welcome the fact that Plaid has given its support to the Penarth Community Learning project.

"However, it is a pity that former Coun Franks pays as little attention to the council now as when he was a member.

"He overlooks the successful delivery of both the Welsh medium secondary school in Barry and the £21.5m Cowbridge Comprehensive School project, which is due to be completed on time and within budget.

"I would also point out that one of the reasons the council was successful in achieving Strategic Regeneration Area (SRA) status for Barry was due to the Deputy Minister being impressed with the Vale's delivery of major projects."

However, the new Vale MP, Alun Cairns, said there was a strong argument for the Vale to get the cash for the school building programme, because it had been chronically underfunded for years.

He said; "It costs just as much to build a school in the Vale as in Rhondda Cynon Taf, more if you take land values into account, but the Vale has always lost out in funding compared to neighbouring boroughs.

"As I have said on a number of occasions, the Vale receives £115 per person less than its neighbours.

"Therefore, there is s trong argument that it should get a helping hand."

Vale AM Jane Hutt said: "I have been backing the re-building of St Cyres School since I became the Vale Assembly Member.

"I am delighted that the plans for development now include the wider opportunities to incorporate SEN provision to provide a Penarth Learning Community which will benefit young people in the Eastern Vale.

"The Welsh Assembly Government has called for local authority bids by May 28 for the next phase of our Schools Capital Programme, and I hope a full business case for this exciting development will be submitted by the Vale Council.

"The council's case will need to show how it is seeking to fund this project from all sources available to local authorities – as well as the Assembly Government.

"I look forward to seeing the Vale proposal for St Cyres so that I can give it my further backing, and trust it will make a convincing case to stand it in good stead for Assembly Government approval."

Cowbridge pupils serve up a fine dining experience!

ABOVE: Some of the year-7 chefs.

LEFT: Tinkling the ivories for the diners was Matthew Upcott.

THE Design Technology Department at the Cowbridge Comprehensive School recently 'employed' 21 trainee chefs from year-7!

The pupils and staff, with help from local businesses, created a three-course meal for 80 diners to simulate a true restaurant experience.

The young chefs' menu consisted of: Spiced butternut squash and sweet potato soup; beef lasagne and, with a little help from year-10 pupils, a magnificent summer fruits pavlova, that went down a treat!

The talented young chefs amazed headteacher Margaret Evans, who thoroughly enjoyed her restaurant experience.

The children worked in the kitchen, washed dishes and served their guests.

To add an extra special note to the evening an excellent young pianist Matthew Upcott (year-7) entertained the guests.

Among the guests were parents who had a delightful evening. One of the feedback notes said "Thank you for a very enjoyable evening, lovely food, lovely service and we thoroughly enjoyed the music, well done ! "

Mrs Kathryn Mallows, the head of design and technology would like to thank Miss Tuck, (student teacher) the Carne Arms, Huddards, the Bear Hotel, Farthings Deli, the Market Place and Speedflex UK for their generous donations that helped the evening to be such successful event..

ABOVE: Dinner is served!

High-quality archery events at Llanharan

A LOCAL archery club is to host a top level tournament this weekend in Llanharan.

The Blandy-Jenkins Archers are hosting a world record status archery tournament on Sunday, May 30, where more than 50 archers will be competing at Llanharan Recreation Ground.

The competition starts at 10am and is conducted in accordance with International Archery Federation (FITA) rules.

Gentleman archers will be shooting at 90, 70, 50 and 30 metres and lady archers at 70, 60, 50 and 30 metres.

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded.

Olympic 'recurve' bows, compound bows and traditional longbow-style bows will be used. Archers will be shooting in groups of four at 15 targets

The club will also be hosting the Glamorgan Archery Association championships on Sunday, July 18. Blandy-Jenkins archers meet at Llanharan Recreation Ground, also called Llanharan Welfare Hall, on Mondays and Fridays at 6.30pm and on Sundays at 1pm.

For more information about the club and its activities contact: Dave Thomas on 01443 671620 or Phil Lightwood-Jones on 01443 441068 or e-mail Blandy-jenkins@sky.com.

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Sporting pink bunny ears and carrying fairy wands, the participants completed an eight-mile circuit of the capital starting and ending at the Millennium Stadium.

ABOVE:
In the Millennium Stadium waiting for the starting gun to sound.

ABOVE:
Signed in, numbered up and ready to go!

ABOVE:
Eileen Bennett and Lana Jones.

RIGHT:
Joanne Eveleigh the event organiser.

BELOW:
Ty Hafan's director of care Jayne Saunders and her friend Mary Woods leading from the front.

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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

'Assembly must focus on waste when cut-backs bite'

Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

EARLIER this week, the Chancellor announced cut-backs to government expenditure because of the spiralling debt.

This year, there has been a need to cut £162m from the Welsh block of £15 billion, a figure significantly less than expected.

Cutting money is a difficult thing to do, but it is something that has to be done because public finances are in the worst state since the Second World War. Out of every £100 the government is spending, £25 is being borrowed.

Clearly, no individual, family or business could carry on this way and government is no different. That is why there is an urgent need to make moves to balance the books.

The government has made a commitment that front-line services needn't be affected, so long as we cut the waste out of the 'back office'.

So, what does this mean for the Vale of Glamorgan? When the Assembly Government is considering where to cut back, I will remind them that we already receive one of the lowest levels of support across Wales.

I hope the Assembly will focus on internal waste in their system. They have already acknowledged that they should be able to save several hundred million pounds of waste in their operations.

At my last count, we received £115 less per person from the Welsh Assembly Government than neighbouring councils. Multiplying this up amounts to some £25m difference every year. Imagine what we could do with that additional funding year on year.

New school buildings wouldn't be a problem and our council taxes could be a lot lower.

My worry is that we are already left short by the Assembly Government and if there are further pressures on their budget, I hope that we won't be squeezed further.

They use the argument that the Vale is more prosperous than other parts of Wales and that we can afford to pay more. I don't accept this.

Building a school or providing refuse services, costs the same here as elsewhere and we are already paying more than our fair share.

This is an area of policy where we need to work together on an all-party basis, to ensure that funding for the Vale is protected.

Did your relatives serve with Royal Observer Corps?

THE Observer Corps was founded 85 years ago this year, in October 1925, to provide visual detection, identification, tracking and reporting of aircraft over Great Britain.

As a result of their role during the Battle of Britain, in April 1941 the Observer Corps was granted the title Royal by King George VI, and the Royal Observer Corps (ROC) became a uniformed civil defence organisation administered by RAF Fighter Command.

Also during that same year, in a change from the policy of the Observer Corps, the ROC undertook to recruit women personnel for the first time.

Initially, the only uniforms provided were RAF overalls, with an ROC breast badge, commonly referred to as the 'soup plate' because of its shape and size. Standard issue RAF No.2 Battledress uniforms were issued in a rolling programme over the next two years. For the remainder of the war, the ROC would provide an essential part of Great Britain's air defences.

I am seeking photographs of local people who served with the ROC in WW2 to display as part of the forthcoming 'Armed Forces Day' event at Cardiff Bay on June 26 and can be contacted by telephone or e-mail.

Dr Jonathan Hicks, chairman, Vale Heritage Centre Coalition; tel 07708 255295 or email: *ninian27@btinternet.com*

LLANBETHERY AND LLANCARFAN COMMUNITY NEWS

WITH the next phases of our restoration in the offing, we need to raise funds for the Saint Cadoc's Restoration Appeal, to ensure that our wall paintings are uncovered and preserved for posterity.

There will be a 'strawberries and Pimms' party on the Rectory lawn on Saturday, June 5, at 4pm.

There are no tickets, although donations will of course be welcomed. You should also bring a rug or cushion to sit on! Cream teas will also be available.

We are also hoping to hold a concert in the church on the first weekend in July. Cowbridge choir are finalising details, so watch this space!

SAM SMITH

CHILDREN'S SECTION IS GROWING...

Getting ready for the Vale's best-ever Best-Kept battle!

ACTIVITY is hotting up around Vale villages in the final stages of the annual best-kept village competition, prior to preliminary judging at the end of June.

Prizes of more than £2,000 will be awarded to the winners. The children's section has proved a big success and last year there were 20 entries.

Therefore, it has been decided to give them a special treat with a presentation at Dyffryn Gardens for representatives from all entries.

It will be held on July 7 in the Cory Education Centre, after school. Following a prizegiving and buffet, there will be a practical demonstration in the walled garden by Ceridwen Davies, the supervisor.

She was trained as a volunteer with the National Trust before spending five years at English Heritage. Ceridwen has been given the daunting task of restoring the area, not cultivated for some time, into an Edwardian country garden, and is well ahead on this project.

Ceridwen Davies, chairman Basil Watkins and secretary Richard Skinner.

Apart from introducing soil improvement and planting vegetables, strawberries and fruit trees, she is also planting dahlias, which have a special place at Dyffryn, as Reginald Cory planted more than 1,000 varieties in 1912 in plant trials for the RHS.

Ceridwen will give practical demonstrations of her skills, as well as showing one of her favourite hobbies – how to build a scarecrow!

In the picture (*above*) she is shown instructing the chairman and secretary how to train peas to grow, using branches.

So, for seniors and juniors, it is just over a month to go before judging starts with the final decision by Major Dan Clayton Jones, chairman of the Cowbridge Physic Garden!

Results will be announced at the annual dinner at Wenvoe Village Hall on Wednesday, July 14.

It is not too late to enter, but please be quick, Contact Richard Skinner on 01446 774820.

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Vale Council wins a transport award

THE Vale Council has scooped a prestigious industry award for its innovative work in delivering funding for sustainable transport solutions.

The authority's planning and transportation department picked up the accolade at the annual Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport awards (CILT), held in Cardiff Bay recently.

The council was the only authority from the south east Wales region to be shortlisted and was nominated for a total of three awards across three different categories – travel demand management, partnership and innovative solutions.

The team picked up the top prize in the 'innovative solutions' category, for its work in delivering funding for sustainable transport solutions through planning obligations negotiated as part of the development process.

On collecting the award, Coun Jeffrey James, cabinet member for planning and transportation and chairman of the South East Wales Transport Alliance, thanked CILT for recognising how the council is 'truly ahead of the game' when it comes to planning obligations.

Coun Jeffery James and Victoria Abraham, the council's planning obligations officer, collect the award in the 'innovative solutions' category at the CILT ceremony.

He said: "The Vale Council is extremely proactive in pursuing planning obligations on new development – and, as the submission showed, this has led to real benefits in terms of providing new transport infrastructure, improved public transport connections, facilities for walking and cycling – as well as road safety improvements."

The council also took the runner-up position in both the travel demand management category, for promoting cycling in the Vale with emphasis on cycling in and around schools; and the partnership category. There it was recognised for providing the new number 90 bus service which links Barry to Culverhouse Cross in partnership with Marks & Spencer, through funding provided by way of a planning obligation.

Mr Ben Winspear from Marks & Spencer Culverhouse Cross (runner-up with the Vale Council in the 'partnership' category).

The GEM has joined forces with the Dog's Trust to find caring new owners for animals at its Bridgend Rehoming Centre.
(Telephone 01656 725219)

Gilmore needs an owner with a calm touch

THIS week: Gilmore is just over one-year-old. He's a sensitive young dog who is nervous in new situations and with strangers, *the centre reports*.

He is also very bright, active and playful. He gets on with other dogs and he would benefit from being homed with a calm, well -djusted dog to help him settle.

He will need calm and consistent handling and lots of positive training to help build up his confidence. He is housetrained and fine to be left for a few hours, a spokeswomen states.

Type of home needed: He needs an experienced owner who has trained dogs before, and who is willing to continue his training and socialising. He will benefit from living with a another dog. He can live with older teenagers, 14 years and over.

'Make sensitive Gilmore happy.'

He will need an active owner who can provide him with plenty of exercise. Anyone interested in adopting him will need to visit him a couple of times to allow him time to get to know them.

The trust's annual summer fete & fun dog show will be held on Sunday, July 4, at Margam Country Park (Twyn yr Hydd House Entrance), 11am to 4pm. Telephone 01656 724598.

Local good causes get their reward from supermarket

ABOVE:
Local charities were guests at a cheque presentation evening at Waitrose.

WAITROSE Barry recently welcomed representatives from 12 local good causes to a cheque presentation evening, where a total of £4,000 was donated.

These had taken part in the branches 'Community Matters Scheme' between December 2009 and March 2010.

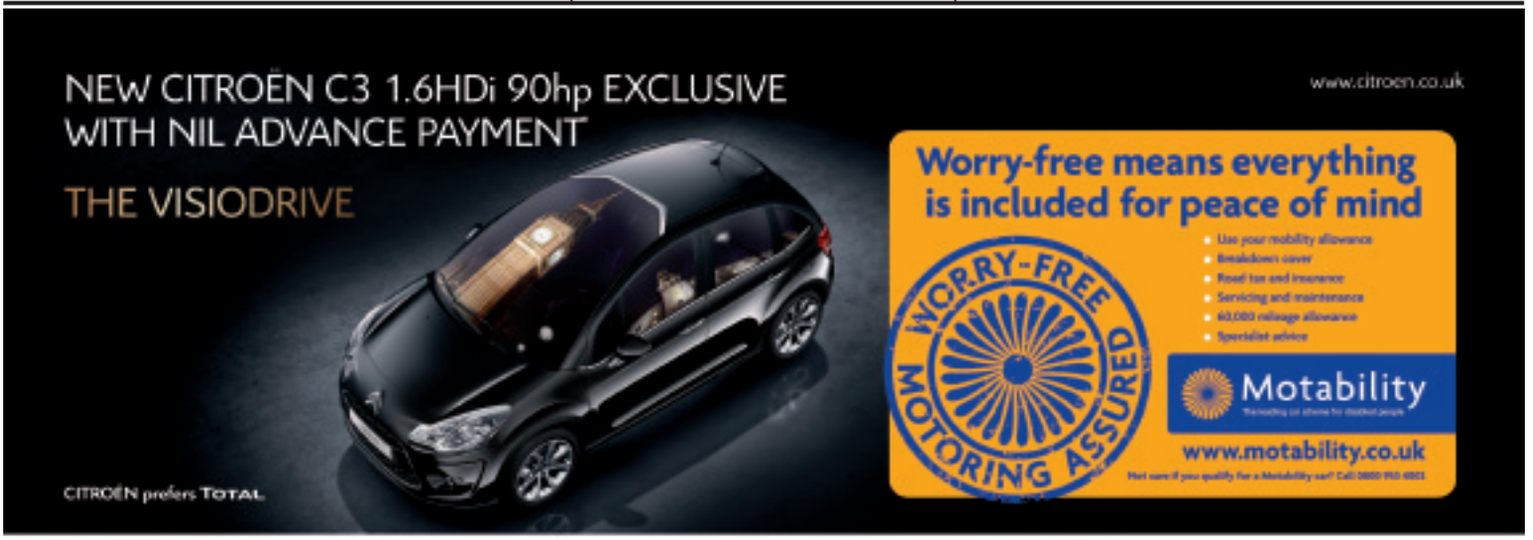
Each month, three local good causes are supported by the branch, with £1,000 being shared between them.

The evening was hosted by branch partners Vicky Barree and Yvonne Carter. Not only was this a chance for the branch to present each good cause with its cheque, but it also enabled the representatives to meet and to learn about the other groups that had taken part.

Cheques were presented for the following amounts: Barnardos Barry £310; Salvation Army Barry £380; Cardiff & Vale Age Concern Senior Health Shop £310; Mind in the Vale of Glamorgan £480; Vale Reds Disability Football Club £300; East Vale Community Transport £220; The Army Benevolent Fund £330; RNLI Barry £380; Tenovus £290; 2nd/4th Barry Scout Group £390; Caerau Vale Trampoline Club £180; The International Tortoise Association £430.

The 'Community Matters Scheme' is open to any local good cause that is trying to raise money, not only registered charitities.

Should anyone wish to nominate a good cause, forms are available from the welcome desk at Waitrose in Barry.



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Rhoose Lifeguards hosts Great British Ski Series

EARLIER this month, Rhoose Lifeguards hosted its annual ski race – the first race in the Great British Ski Series.

More than 70 paddlers competed, ranging from juniors through to masters, and the combination of a stiff north-easterly breeze, an incoming tide and a long six km loop made for a real test of both skill and stamina.

Thanks go to all those who took part, to those that helped to organise the event, to Sian for organising the barbecue, drinks and cakes. Special thanks also goes to the IRB crews, Andrew Knowles, Babs Richards, Chris Evans, Simon Perry, Jack Giddings, Mike Williamson and Sam Blake and especially Richie Harrison for bringing a boat up from Saunton to help cover the race.

The results were as follows: **Under-16 boys - 6km**: 1, Tom Bolt – Portreath – ILS; 2, Jordan Roberts – Hayle – ILS; 3, Chad Bremner – Rhoose – ILS; 4, Matt Trewhella – Hayle – ILS; 5, Matt Hewitt – Portreath – ILS; 6, Joshua Canton – Saunton – ILS; 7, Tom Parker – Rhoose – ILS; 8, Scoob Lark – Woolacombe – Surf; 9, Keiran Knolwes – Rhoose – ILS; 10, Ben Jolly – Hayle – ILS; 11, Sean Giddings – Rhoose – ILS; 12 , Rowan Miller – Rhoose – ILS.

Under-16 girls - 6km: 1, Ellie Parker – Woolacombe – ILS; 2, Teg Young – Rhoose – ILS; 3, Grace Clark – Woolacombe – ILS; 4, Charlotte Hewitt – Portreath – ILS; 5, Emily Coran – Hayle – ILS; 6, Lily Nichols – Woolacombe – ILS; 7, Anthea Young – Rhoose - ILS; 8, Emma Braggins – Rhoose – ILS; 9, Caitlin Young – Rhoose – ILS; 10, Kathryn Gardner – Rhoose – ILS ; 11, Abi Phipps – Rhoose – ILS; 12, Lauren Blake – Rhoose – ILS; 13, Rochelle Davies – Rhoose – ILS; 14, Nancy Roberts-Smith – Rhoose – – ILS; Retired Hannah James – Rhoose – ILS; Retired Kirby Redrup – Rhoose – ILS.

Under-19 boys - 12km: 1, Josh Newing – Portreath – ILS; 2, Freddie Hedger – Woolacombe – ILS; 3, Brandon Lark – Woolacombe – ILS; Retired Charles Grandfield – Rhoose – ILS.

Under-19 girls - 12km: 1, Eloise Neighbour – Rhoose – ILS ; Retired Eva Murphy – Woolacombe - ILS.

Open Men - 18km: 1, Ivan Lawler – Elmbridge – Surf; 2, Glen Eldridge – Crantock – Surf; 3, Dan Humble – Portreath – Surf; 4, Tim Widdershaven – Portreath – Surf; 5, Simon Dark – Bradford on Avon – Surf; 6, Mark Turner – Woolacombe – ILS; 7, Mark Ressell – Saunton – Surf; 8, Colin Smith – Woolacombe – Surf; 9, Ed Evans – Cardiff Bay – ILS; 10, Daniel Latham – Hayle – ILS; 11, James Grandfield – Rhoose – ILS ; 12, Simon Jury – Cardiff Bay – Surf; 13, Andy Ferris – Carntock – ILS ; Retired Chris Chorley – Bath – Surf.

Open ladies - 12km: 1, Chloe Bunnett – Independent – Surf; 2, Fay Mills – Woolacombe – ILS.

Masters Men - 12km: 1, Steve Hardman – Shoreham – Surf; 2, Peter Maycock – Exeter – ILS; 3, Richard Lewis – Bradford On Avon – Surf; 4, Paul Kingman – Independent – Surf; 5, Stuart Sherman – Woolacombe – ILS; 6, Richard Lark – Woolacombe – ILS; 7, Ivan Boddlington – Shoreham – Surf; 8, Rob Knott – Bristol CC – ILS; 9, Chris Hewitt – Portreath – ILS; 10, Gareth Harris – Sker – ILS; 11, Simon Parker – Rhoose – ILS; 12, Neil Johnson – Dawlish – ILS; 13, Mark Redrup – Woolacombe – ILS; 14, Mike Childs – Sker – ILS.

Masters ladies - 12km: 1, Karen O'Donoghue Harris – Rhoose – ILS; 2, Georgie Redrup – Woolacombe – ILS; 3, Claire Frank – Dawlish – ILS.

Open double - 12km: 1, Hugh Moldrum and Richard Lewis – Pen-y-Bont – ILS; 2, Alison Dark and Sharon Colen – Bradford on Avon – ILS.

Overall team competition: 1, Woolacombe - 39pts; 2, Rhoose - 21pts; 3, Portreath - 20pts; 4, Hayle - 10 pts; 5, Bradford - 7pts .

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ABOVE and LEFT:
Some of the competitors at the event.

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Fascinating snapshots recall a Cowbridge landmark of the past

RIGHT: Old Verlands House. BELOW, centre: The Catholic church and site office. Main entrance gate to Verlands House is on the right. Main entrance to new development of Verlands estate lay between the two.

LOCAL photographer Robert Fisher, son of the late well-known Cowbridge businessman, Louis Fisher, has unearthed some fascinating artifacts while "trawling through" his father's extensive files.

"Amongst them were over 2,000 35mm transparency slides, which he photographed from the early 1960s onwards," Robert explained.

"I have been slowly scanning these photographs onto digital media and have come across pictures of the old Verlands House, before it was demolished when my father built the Verlands Estate in the late 1960s. Perhaps your readers would be interested in seeing these pictures.

"They show the entrance to the Verlands estate and St Cadoc's Catholic Church.

"The main driveway to the Verlands House was situated between the present entrance to the Verlands estate and the Southway Retirement home.

"It is my intention to archive these pictures and I am always interested in old photographs, especially of the local area, so if your readers have any old photographs, I would be delighted and grateful if they would lend them to me, so I can scan them before happily returning them," he added.

Robert can be contacted through The GEM.

photo A

Picture by Robert Fisher

RIGHT: Main entrance to new development showing Verlands House, Catholic church to the left, main entrance to Verlands estate to the right

ABOVE: Main entrance to the Verlands development, showing Catholic church. It appears to show that the church has been extended since Photo A (above, left) was taken at the time of the development.

FAMILIAR BUILDING FOR SALE

ABOVE: Cowbridge Health Centre building is now up for sale.

ONE of the town's most familiar buildings located in the historic old hall gardens has been put up for sale.

Cowbridge Health Centre is being put on the market by estate agents Watts & Morgan because it is due to close its doors once a purpose built primary care centre is completed near the leisure centre in 2011.

Dyfed Miles of Watts & Morgan said the company was confident that the property would attract early interest.

"Opportunities like this rarely come up in Cowbridge. The property is situated in a really attractive location in an historic part of the town within the old town walls and immediately behind Old Hall.

"The property offers obvious development or conversion potential but is also likely to be of interest to owner occupiers for a surgery, crèche or office."

Paul Stauber, director of planning at Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board, pointed out: "The new primary care centre will accommodate the two existing GP practices and will provide a range of additional health and community services, all from a state of the art building."

FREE-SCORING SCHOOL TEAM IS DENIED BY STUBBORN RESISTANCE OF SOUTH WALES XL

School first X1 v XL Club.

XL Club.

THE annual First XI cricket match between Cowbridge Comprehensive school and the South Wales XL Club took place at Cowbridge Cricket Club on Wednesday, May 5.

Put in to bat, the school got off to a brisk start with captain Michael Lloyd (55) and Adam Wood (39) smashing the ball to all corners.

The introduction of slow spin by Chris Hudson and the gentle medium pace of Hugh Williams slowed the scoring rate, as did the fall of some wickets. Hudson got 2 for 48 and Williams 2 for 32.

Nick Davies (39) and Sam Wood (40) enabled the school to declare at 212 for 7 at tea.

Highlight of the XL team was the performance wicketkeeper Gareth Owen, who claimed five stumpings, a catch and a run-out.

During the tea interval, speeches were given by PE teacher Glan Williams and captain Mike Lloyd. The highlight of the interval was the presentation by XL captain Peter Docherty to Michael of a shield to celebrate The Wales District School of the Year Award for 2009.

Captain Docherty was the mainstay of the XL innings, top scoring with 43 runs and other contributions came from Wyn Lloyd (29), Mike Staddon (20), Chris Hudson (29 no).

Despite using eight bowlers, the school could not get the last wicket, despite the efforts of left arm spin Nick Davies, who took 5 for 52 in his 15 overs. The match ended in a draw with the XL hanging in at 179 for 9.

The school would like to thank Cowbridge Cricket Club for providing their facilities and also the XL club for honouring this prestigious fixture. Long may it continue.

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Peter Docherty, captain of Wales over-50s, presents the XL trophy to captain Michael Lloyd and the school for their continued fixture with the XL Club and high level of performances achieved by the school over many years. It is the first time the school has been awarded this accolade.

Staff team beat Whitchurch

COWBRIDGE staff cricket team got their season off to a flying start with a win over a strong Whitchurch staff side.

Missing key players, including Jon Ling, Owen Lewis, Glan and Hugh Williams, Cowbridge blooded some new young staff among some more experienced staff.

Having lost the toss and being put into the field, captain Chris Cox opened the bowling with Charlie Pleasants, and they restricted Whitchurch in the early overs, taking 2 for 13 and 1 for 4 respectively.

Whitchurch dug in after the tight opening spell, with opening batsman C Workman carrying his bat for 40 not out and A Hurley hitting a fine 47 before being bowled by a straight one from Dai Griffiths.

Some superb fielding by newcomers Sion Roberts and Rob Evans meant that Whitchurch were restricted to 111 in their 20 overs.

Openers Steve McQuade (48) and Tim Cox (25) started the chase in quick fashion, producing some fine shots, followed by the sublime Dai Griffiths who, with the champagne moment of the match, reverse paddled one of Whitchurch's quicker bowlers for four.

After a middle order wobble, it was left to Alan Fowles to score the winning runs with consecutive fours to give Cowbridge staff a four-wicket victory with three overs to spare. With such a good victory, those missing will have a challenge to get back into the team.

Happy selection dilemmas for director of cricket Gareth Evans!

CJC

Feasibility study is the next step for museum coalition

A REGIONAL Assembly Member has called for a Vale Heritage Museum to be fully supported, after the matter was discussed in the Welsh Assembly.

The Heritage Minister Alun Ffred Jones told members that talks are taking place between the Welsh government and the Vale Council regarding a feasibility study into a new museum in Barry, and Chris Franks AM said he welcomed progress on the project.

Mr Franks, a former Vale councillor, explained: "There is a great deal of support in the town for the creation of a museum to celebrate the Vale's history.

"Plaid believes the creation of a museum for the whole of the Vale would be a boost to the town. The idea has also been backed by people from across the Vale, including members of the Dinas Powys Local History Society. Dr Jonathan Hicks and other local Vale residents campaigning for the museum have to be congratulated for their hard work."

Dr Hicks, who is chairman of the Vale Heritage Centre Coalition, the group lobbying for a museum sited on the Barry Waterfront, said: "I am delighted that our campaign has now reached national level and is being discussed in the Assembly. This is another important step forward for this project and underlines the strength of support for this potentially wonderful facility.

"It is important to stress, however, that this is a Vale Heritage Centre, not a Barry museum. It will reflect the history of the whole Vale and will be a source of entertainment and education for Vale inhabitants and visitors."

Various venues are being considered for the centre – whether a purpose-built facility as part of the Barry Waterfront development, or a refurbishment of the Pump House. The feasibility study being carried out by the Vale Council will identify the most cost-effective solution.

Dr Hicks added: "We very much look forward to the results of the feasibility study, which will identify the next steps in our quest to turn the vision into reality. It would certainly be an important addition to the Vale landscape."

TIM CHAPMAN

CHASING RAINBOWS

COWBRIDGE and District Flower Arrangers Club presents Chasing Rainbows, a demonstration by Pam Lewis in Cowbridge Town Hall on Wednesday, June 2, at 7.30pm.

Tickets £5, available at the door. Raffle and sales table in aid of Ty Hafan. Everyone welcome.

CONGREGATION GATHERS TO CELEBRATE DAY OF PENTECOST

MORE than 100 people attended Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, to mark Pentecost. The church had been decorated with doves and balloons and a central display on the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

PHOTOGRAPHS by MIKE WILCOCK

ABOVE: The music group and a vocalist accompanied the hymns.

No meeting, so an outing instead!

NEWS FROM BARRY WI

THE usual meetings took place this month, but due to the election, sewing circle meeting was cancelled and the ladies went to the College Inn for lunch.

During May, they organised a trip to the Shopping Outlet, Bridgend, then afternoon tea at Bryngarw House. The weather was not very good, but despite that, everybody enjoyed themselves.

The meeting on May 18 was 'resolutions' when the ladies debated the labelling of foods, followed by a fish and chip supper and a game of true or bluff.

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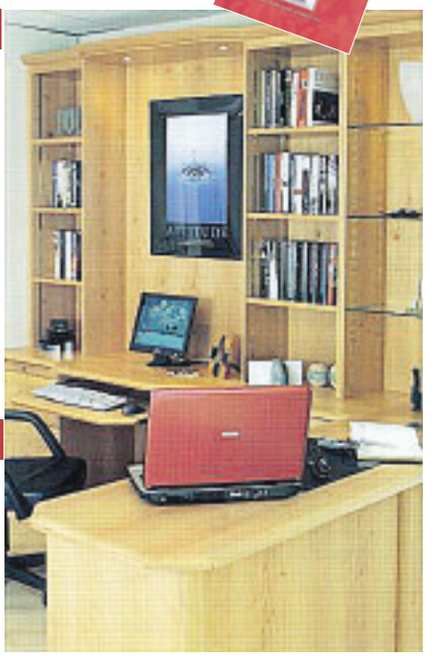

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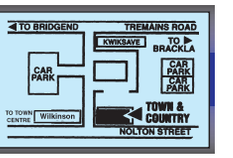

Surf lifesaving club looks forward to new season

ABOVE: Cieran Hughes (nipper captain).

ABOVE: Rhys Jones the senior captain.

ABOVE: Rebecca Bown (junior captain)

SOUTHERNDOWN Surf Lifesaving Club Members have had an extremely busy winter season.

All members have been taking awards, such as nipper water safety, RLSS pool bronze, pool lifesaver awards and keeping up their skills and fitness ready for the beach season which has just begun.

We would like to congratulate everyone who gained new awards, and all those who took part in the still water competitions this year.

Our nipper squad deserves a special mention, coming an impressive eighth, despite being a relatively small team. Congratulations to Cieran Hughes, who won silver in the board race this year.

We have also been busy raising funds. Over the last year we have purchased new equipment, including full first aid and advanced resuscitation gear, an IRB, new rescue boards and a defib.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts, especially Franklins Cafe in Ogmore, The Three Golden Cups in Southerndown, Regal Travel, Celtic Cameras in Bridgend, PMs surf shop in Porthcawl and all our club members, who have supported our wide range of sponsored swimming, iron man, super nipper and coffee drinking ideas.

This last week saw our return to Dunraven Bay after months training at Atlantic College swimming pool.

Although the conditions were cold, we all enjoyed practicing some beach skills for a change.

All age groups are now eager to take their nipper, junior and senior beach awards in the next few weeks.

The club continues to grow and we now have two nipper, two junior and one seniors/masters sessions a week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the nipper, junior and senior captains: Cieran Hughes, Rebecca Bown and Rhys Jones for their continued hard work and dedication and also all our club co-ordinators, coaches, committee, parent helpers, nippers, juniors, seniors and masters who make all our activities run smoothly and the club a fantastic place to be.

Karen Bale
club chairperson

SOUTHERNDOWN GOLF LADIES GET COACH TO SHARPEN THEIR SKILLS

NEWLY-QUALIFIED assistant professional, Simon Askins has taken the ladies of Southerndown Golf Club under his wing and started group coaching.

Twenty took part in chipping lessons and hopefully, with further practice, their efforts will pay off on the golf course. Simon recently achieved his PGA Level 2 coaching award.

Kath Evans and Caroline Kelly have beaten Dinas Powys ladies in the Mail on Sunday Foursomes competition. In a tough match at Dinas Powys, they battled through to round five.

ABOVE: Simon and the ladies are pictured after his coaching clinic.

Under-15s finish the season in fine style against Sully

Cowbridge under-15s

COWBRIDGE under-15s played their last game of the season against a very strong Sully B at Corntown.

The team was led out by captain for the day Kye Ingram.

Cowbridge elected to play with the sun behind them in the first half and it was clear from the off-set that the boys had a win in mind. From the kick off, Kye won possession, made a weaving run and passed to Mallows, who smashed the ball just outside of the post.

This raised the spirit of the team and from the goal kick, Roberts collected the ball, played a one-two with Hewitt and unlocked the away defence and neatly placed the ball in the corner of the net.

During the first half, the team played some excellent football, with Price on the wing linking well. The coaches have seen a significant improvement from the talented youngster.

On the opposite wing, Fleet made several penetrating runs and was a hard man to mark. Tactical changes from Sully in the final phases of the half meant that Cowbridge were forced on the defensive.

Some excellent tackles from Matt and Stuart Fleming meant that Sully were going nowhere, and the defenders were ably supported by Lewis and Freeman.

At half time it was 1-0 to Cowbridge. The second goal came from a through ball from Hewitt. Mallows challenged the keeper, who appeared to drop the ball and he curled the ball with the outside of his boot into the net. Edwards made sure the goal stood by smashing the ball into the empty net.

Cowbridge were now dominating the game, and from a corner, Mallows crossed the ball and Ingram headed it toward goal, and it was deflected into the net by a Sully defender.

The final goal came from a flash of skill from Hewitt, as he collected the ball outside the box, cleverly dribbled past two defenders and then slotted the ball into goal. Both Flemings started to push forward and show off their silky skills, which was a real pleasure to watch.

In the final stages of the game, Barnett pushed a fierce shot over the bar, a major testament to the way he has taken to his new position this year. Having very little to do, his concentration was not found wanting.

Man of the match – Sam Roberts.

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Southerndown Surf Club's youngsters perform out west

LAST bank holiday weekend, members of Southerndown Surf Club travelled to Pembroke to compete in the Quiksilver Welsh National Surfing Championships, held at Freshwater West, with surfers from all over the country turning up to take part in the event.

From left to right: Callum Howell (11), Cai Allin (12), Mali Howell (9), Owen Alexander (12), Cieran Hughes (10), Josh Brace (11), Tyler Rogers (12).

With the sun shining and the surf perfect for the junior divisions, Callum Howell (11), Cai Allin (12), Mali Howell (9), Owen Alexander (12), Cieran Hughes (10), Josh Brace (11) and Tyler Rogers (12), all entered and surfed well in the challenging conditions to progress through to the semi finals in their respective age groups.

Callum and Cieran made it through to the finals of the under-12 division and Owen made it through to the under-14 finals, where in clean 3ft surf, mums, dads and an entourage of friends and family watched as Callum came second behind Max Payne from Cornwall, with Cieran placed third in the under-12s followed by Owen finishing fourth in the under-14s.

It was a great atmosphere, with all the club members surfing really well. Everyone had a fantastic weekend with a few of the families staying to enjoy the weather and celebrate the club's success.

Southerndown Surf Club is run by the parents and children of Ogmore-by Sea, Southerndown and St Brides Major with the help of a Community Chest Grant from the Vale Council. The children enjoy a safe and fun club where they can learn basic surfing techniques through to more advanced levels of surfing while having a great time.

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Those incredible flying acrobatic gymnasts!

A SPECTACULAR act that wowed the judges on TV talent show *Britain's Got Talent* is inspiring teenagers in the Vale to have a go at acrobatic gymnastics as part of the 5x60 scheme.

A few weeks ago, viewers saw the youthful gymnastics group 'Spellbound' fly through the auditions stage after amazing Simon Cowell and co with a display of high flying jumps, spins and incredible balance.

Secondary school pupils in Llantwit Major and Cowbridge now have the chance to learn some of the moves they saw on screen at new after-school acrobatic gymnastics sessions that have been added to the roster of activities available, thanks to the 5x60 scheme.

Creating extra-curricular sporting opportunities for youngsters in Wales to get active for at least 60 minutes, five days a week, the 5x60 scheme is run by Sport Wales and is supported locally by the Vale Council's sports and play development team.

Quick to spot the potential demand, 5x60 officer Barry Cawte said: "After seeing the phenomenal reaction to 'Spellbound' on *Britain's Got Talent,* I thought it would be an exciting new activity for pupils at both schools to try. To get to the level of the Spellbound gymnasts obviously takes a huge amount of training and discipline, but there are a number of moves that you can enjoy learning fairly quickly.

"This is the first acrobatic gymnastics club that has been set up as part of 5x60 in Wales and is a really fun way for children to get fit. The new sessions have been extremely popular and coaches have already identified talented performers at Llantwit Major school, and they will be representing the school in competitions."

Chair of Sport Wales, Professor Laura McAllister, said: "One of the winning formulas behind 5x60 is that pupils can take part in physical activity during lunch times and after school.

"The challenge now is to open the school doors for 5x60 at weekends and in school holidays to give them even more of a chance to get involved."

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Daniel Morgan, Ben Sully, Ellis Watts and Blake Knight performed as suspects for the last time, as they will be leaving for universities across the country to continue their studies.

However, all is not doom and gloom, for out of the ashes new stars were born, including Jack James, who turned out to be the dastardly killer, Tom Evans who moved from the role of policeman to suspect, and Alex Parker, who took the role of Chief Inspector and host of the evening.

The performance was well received and everyone enjoyed the fun-filled atmosphere, with guests commenting on the students' performances and on the excellent standard of the food prepared and served by year-10 hospitality and catering students.

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The fairies were pleased to have their photos taken and said they would be happy to share their toadstools and fairy magic with local children if they ever wanted to come and visit.

Gemma Griffiths has been a local photographer in the Vale for more than five years. She started taking photographs of babies and children and has recently included weddings in her portfolio.

Fairy photography is a new element to her work. She has plenty of spare fairy dust for local children if they would like to visit the secret toadstool or to float above the Vale on a white fluffy cloud.

The fairies are not available for interview, but please contact Gemma if you have any questions.

To see some of these amazing images, please visit Gemma's website – www.gemmagriffithsphotography.co.uk. A CD of images is available on request.

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Hop, skip and jump at Vale leisure centres

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Spring-heeled children in Cowbridge can also enjoy parkour sessions on Friday 4 June, where they can learn how to run up walls, vault over equipment and generally leap around the leisure centre!

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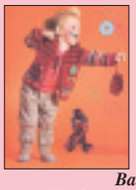

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Looking forward to Pendoylan's summer term

PENDOYLAN Primary School is looking forward to the many events that have been planned for the summer term.

The PTA has organised a disco for the pupils on Thursday, May 27.

Sports Day will be held on Tuesday, June 15, at 1.15pm.

The summer fair will be held at school on Saturday, July 3.

Speech and prizegiving day will take place at Cowbridge Leisure Centre on Friday, July 9.

This will be followed by a casino night on Saturday, July 10, at 7.30pm in All Hallows Church Hall, Miskin.

On Saturday, November 20, Pendoylan School will be hosting a ball at the Vale Hotel to celebrate the launch of the new school building project.

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Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School
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Pupils explain why St John's school makes a difference

THERE is no better advertisement for St John's than its pupils.

Adi, aged eight years old, said: "My favourite subject is maths, because it's really good and it stretches your mind. I think the teachers are brilliant and I am happy in school."

Sophie, aged nine, enthused: "What I like about St John's is that we work as a team. We are kind and friendly to each other and it's as if we are a big family."

Remy, who is 12, said: "I do not have just one favourite subject because they are all very good and learning here is not a chore – it's fun! I really appreciate everything all my teachers have done for me, as I would not be the person I am today without them; I owe a lot to my teachers."

Rosie, aged 14, explained: "I was 13 when I started at St John's. I like the small classes and the friendly environment. Everyone is given the attention they need to thrive, regardless of ability.

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IMPS' FESTIVAL IS A BIG SUCCESS!

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CADOXTON Imps organised a mini and junior five-a-side football festival earlier this month.

Approximately 450 children in more than 40 teams in age groups from under-8 to under-12, and a disabilities section, took part in the grounds of Barry Comprehensive School.

The Imps' annual football festival has become an established fixture in the Barry footballing calendar and this was the 13th consecutive year that the event had been sponsored by McDonald's Restaurant (Barry), ensuring that every child taking part received both a certificate and a medal.

McDonald's also provided winners' trophies for the junior teams and fair play awards for the mini teams.

Martin Pursall, chairman of Cadoxton Imps AFC, said: "There is a tremendous amount of hard work by a lot of people to organise and run an event like this, but it is worth it to see so many children, parents and grandparents enjoying a day of football and fun.

"I would like to thank all the Imps managers and committee, and everyone else who has contributed, including Mark Collier of Bowcom for supplying paint and loaning us equipment to line the pitches, Barry Comprehensive School for allowing us to use the school grounds and canteen, St John Ambulance (Cowbridge), DE Photo and, in particular, Huw Thomas and McDonald's Restaurant (Barry) for McDonald's continued support."

Huw Thomas, franchisee of McDonald's (Barry), said: "With so many local children taking part from various football clubs in the Vale, we are proud to be involved with the Imps' mini and junior five-a-side football festival, and to be able to support children's football in the community."

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St Richard Gwyn golfing pupils are given opportunity to be the next Rory McIlroy

WITH excitement building ahead of the Ryder Cup coming to Wales later this year, youngsters from two Vale secondary schools are getting to grips with golf thanks to the innovative 5x60 scheme.

Boys and girls from St Richard Gwyn Catholic School and Barry Comprehensive School are able to enjoy weekly sessions at St Andrew's Major Golf Club throughout the summer term as part of the scheme, which creates extra-curricular sporting opportunities for youngsters in Wales to get active for at least 60 minutes, five days a week (5x60).

Ben Williams, who is the 5x60 officer for both schools, said: "The club's golf professional, John Hastings, is coaching the pupils, giving them tips and guidance on their technique, and they are really enjoying the chance to learn while having a go, rather than just being shown what to do."

You can find out more about golf clubs in the Vale and the 5x60 scheme online at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/sportsandplay.

LEFT: St Andrew's Major Golf Club pro John Hastings giving pupils tips and guidance on their technique

Pupils turn on athletics style

IN the year-8 and year-9 qualifying round at Jenner Park for the middle school championships, Cowbridge pupils had a number of excellent performances.

George Griffiths (year-8) came second in a fast heat with a time of 11.8 seconds, setting a new year-8 Cowbridge school record, which had stood for 22 years.

George had a similar result in the long jump, showing the other competitors why he's a British champion at indoor long jump, this time winning his event with a jump of 5.46m, once again breaking a long-standing Cowbridge record.

Harry Thomas surprised himself with a victory in the 200m, and also qualified for the long jump finals.

Joe Gaughan qualified for the shot and 400m finals.

Josh Thomas, not to be out done by his brother, qualified for the 800m, together with Jason Sami.

George Francis qualified for the high jump finals with his unorthodox technique.

Athletics debutant Jared Charlton Webb qualified in third place for the shot and Harry Stubbington came second in the javelin, once again qualifying for the finals day at Leckwith stadium.

Dancing stars on the way to Deutschland

ON May 2, 48 dancers from YDance performed at the Welsh Millennium Centre to compete in the IDO Welsh Street Dance Championships 'Dance Where the Fire Licks 2010'.

The day included a display of high quality hip hop, street and break dance styles performed by young people from throughout Wales.

All these dancers were longing to be the best and be placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd to qualify to represent Wales at the World Hip Hop Championships in Bochum, Germany at the end of September.

YDance was destined to be part of this five-day urban dance extravaganza as all three dance teams managed to get onto the Welsh Production Dance Team which will perform at the World Championships in September.

The first dancer to be announced onto the Welsh Squad was B Boy Harry from Barry. Harry Wood an 11-year-old boy who trains with the Barry Boy Breakers, battled it out against his team mates and other B Boys from across Wales to achieve the Junior B Boy 1 on 1 title.

The 4 FT 2 Crew competed in the Children's Formation Team Section winning 2nd place with a performance of a high calibre.

Katie Gibbs (10yrs), Bethan Tyler (10yrs), Zoe Cannon (10yrs), Bethan Deakin (9yrs), Kia Harcourt (9yrs), Ellie Mai Platt (9yrs), Olivia Ahmed (9yrs), Hannah Svendsen (8yrs) and Robson Mallam (7yrs) entertained the large audience with their pyjama party frolics! Tesni Sewell found out that she had danced her way into 5th place in the children's girl solo which placed her onto the Welsh Street Dance Team.

YDancers Levi Sims, Myles German, Luke Perry, Yasmin Harcourt and Shireen Ahmed successfully earnt their places on the squad with their solos against a huge division of dancers by triumphantly gaining 1st in the Adult Boy Solo, 2nd and 3rd in the Junior Male Solo, and 2rd and 3rd in the Adult Girl Solo.

Complexity, the adult team for YDance took their place on the Welsh squad too by being placed 3rd in the Adult Formation Team with a prize winning performance. Dancers, Abbi Bartlett (17) Sophie Morgan (17) Becky Nott (17) Levi Sims (16) Lauren Barrett (16) Sam Owens (16) Yasmin Harcourt (16) Bethan Goddard (16) Shireen Ahmed (16) and Ellie Carter (16) finished off the competition with a fantastic performance and despite a few injuries they were victorious.

Bethan Hartland (18) who left YDance last year to attend Swansea University was also at the competition with her team SUDS, a small group of students which has a passion for street dance. They also achieved success by winning 1st place in the Adult Small Group and a place on the Welsh team.

The crew that stole the competition was Unknown, the Junior YDance small group. They took the stage and mesmerised the auditorium from the beginning.

The young group of dancers, Amber Summers (15) Chanelle Johnson (14), Rhia Dutton (14) Rhian Dwyer (14), Brooke Clarke (14), Nioami Everitt (13) and Myles German (13) smashed their routine, impressing the judges to achieve the highest scores of the day and win the Junior Small Group Trophy and a place on the Welsh Street Dance Squad.

Emma Mallam, dance co-ordinator of Motion Control, said: "I congratulate all the dancers - you are all stars, who shone your brightest on the day of the competition.

"I want to say a huge thank you to the tutors Lynne Hughes, Lee Crowley and Alex Brown for their wonderful choreography, hard work and continued support to the dance programme. Thanks also to Carlos Neto and Xavi Monreal for working with the YDance in the holidays."

YDance wants to thank all the parents, friends and family who attended the competition and appreciates all their support for the YDancers.

YDance will continue to 'Bring it On' alongside the other winners of the day when they represent Wales in the World Championships in Germany. A big initiative 'Dancing 2 Deutschland' is now being set up to help towards funding this dance experience for the YDance winners and allow them the chance to dance at such a prestigious level. Dancers have raised just under £500 for Clic Sargent – the charity for children with cancer and now are looking to raise the funds for this trip of a lifetime by holding events throughout the summer months.

The dancers are looking to the local community to support their dance initiative through sponsorships. Funding these dancers for this 5 day dance event will not be easy but spirits are high and the dancers are determined to win again! Well done YDance!"

YDance is part of the Motion Control dance programme –which aims to provide dance opportunities to the young people living in the Vale and is run by the Vibe Experience, Barry. Anyone wishing to help or donate in the 'Dancing to Deutschland' campaign can contact the dance co-ordinator Emma Mallam on 01446 733622.

Gardens *open for charity*

LLANTWIT Major and Llanmaes gardens are open for charity again this year on Sunday, June 6 from 11am-5pm under the National Garden Scheme – combined admission £5.

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CREATE A 'BESIDE THE SEA INTERIOR' IN YOUR HOME THIS SUMMER

by GABRIELLE FAGAN

AHOY there, fans of interiors trends – the coastal style is sailing over the horizon and promises to breathe freshness and life into your rooms.

Bright blues and crisp whites make for a ship-shape look with a unique breezy charm that suits any setting even if it's miles from the sea.

"Nautical style does seem to be timeless and endlessly appealing," says Claudia Lewellen, director at Runaway Coast, a company whose products can conjure the 'down by the sea' style.

"This look is instantly recognisable and loved by everyone, and isn't restricted to being used just in homes by the coast. As an island race, we certainly do have a special bond with the sea that surrounds us and just being close to it never ceases to be a draw. Using coastal inspiration to decorate is also a great way to update rooms for summer."

She believes the look has a magical ability to evoke the emotion of holidays, and it is that which guarantees its perennial popularity.

"Just a glimpse of deckchair stripes and a coastal accessory can transport us to times when we escaped and relaxed in a comfortable environment," she points out.

She advises following an informal 'kick off your shoes and relax' look for spaces.

"You should aim for a simple and understated yet smart scheme, and use a mix of vibrant and gentle colours inspired by nature," she says.

So if you see no ships - or any seaside style - in your rooms, your home will be sadly lacking. Come on board and follow our guide to beach chic!

CABIN FEVER

Beach huts or coastal homes are unfussy, unpretentious havens and you don't have to push the boat out financially to create a holiday atmosphere.

Revamp floorboards and tongue and groove cladding with a coat of white paint, cover sofas in easily-washable cotton fabrics, and add colourful cotton rugs and cushions.

"The nautical theme is going to be a big trend for the home this summer," says Candida Balfour at MyDeco, the online site which has links to inspiring interiors shops and designers.

"This year, the interpretation is part American-Hamptons glamour, part old-British seaside revelry. Those pale blues and crisp whites create an instant feeling of carefree nostalgia."

Her suggestions are: Paint old dining chairs or stools a crisp white or pale blue. Sand the edges and corners for a more weathered nautical vibe; fill hurricane lamps with layers of sand and shells with tealights perched on top. Sew strips of blue ribbon around plain white cushions and add chunky wooden buttons to finish.

The fact that we're having a love-affair with blue this year – it's emerged as the coolest shade around for interiors – means it's not difficult to find everything from deckchair stripe fabrics to sea blues and surf white paint to splash out on.

SEASIDE SANCTUARY

Make a bedroom look and feel as though it's a stone's throw from the sea, and when you step into it, your cares could float away!

Walls painted in soft blue shades are known to have a calming effect and it will be even more relaxing if you make sure the room is not overcluttered and has that pared-down beach hut look.

Dress a bed in crisp cotton bed linen, and cast a soft glow of light from a lamp whose base is evocatively made from driftwood, starfish and pebble.

Nautical style is a fresh-as-paint look which makes it ideal for a child's bedroom.

Laura Ashley's new 'On The Sea' collection of blue stripy bedlinen, curtains and accessories featuring appliqued yachts is delightful. Curtains from £70, bedding set, £50.

Sailing boat bookends, £28 from The Little White Company could suit big or little sailors.

CATCH THE TIDE

An interestingly-shaped piece of driftwood, a bowl of pebbles, or even a tiny toy boat which brings back memories of a day out, can be just as effective, or more so, than buying a mass-produced accessory.

Luckily though, designers have let their imaginations set sail and produced nautical homeware that veers well away from tacky or cute so that the style-savvy don't feel sea-sick.

For instance, you could avoid that sinking feeling, even on dull days, by displaying a classic red and white lifebelt, £30, or use a chunky sailor's rope knot, £29 from Joanna Wood to stop doors slamming shut on breezy summer days.

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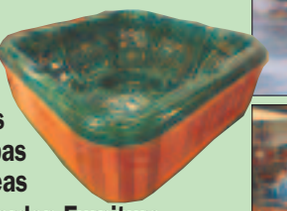

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A golden rule: 'Preparation before decoration'

by JULIA GRAY

DECORATING a room usually requires preparation first – not least filling, sanding and washing down. Although it is time-consuming and hard work, it can't be skimped on if you want a good finish.

However long you think sanding and filling will take, expect it to take longer – especially if your ceilings, walls and woodwork are in poor condition.

You'll find an array of different fillers at your local DIY store - which can be confusing.

Basically, you'll need all-purpose filler for most types of wall repair, and wood filler for woodwork. For an easier route, go for a ready-mixed product, rather than one where you have to mix in the hardener yourself.

For cracks where movement is likely to occur again, such as on ceilings and around doors and windows, you'll need flexible filler. Also, for big repairs, it helps to have deep-repair filler or ready-mixed plaster repair. If hairline cracks are a problem, use hairline-crack filler, which you paint on.

FILLING KNIFE

Always use a good-quality filling knife to apply the filler. These come in various blade sizes and look similar to wallpaper-scraping knives.

The difference is that filling blades are much more flexible to help you get the filler into the hole or crack. For some repairs, nothing beats using your fingers, so you may want to invest in a box of disposable plastic gloves to protect your hands.

To get a smooth repair, it can help to dip the filling knife in water, or mix a little water in with the filler to make it more pliable. However carefully you apply the filler, you're likely to lose a lot, so protect the floor and scoop the dropped filler up as you go.

Clean off your filling knife as soon as you finish because most fillers set quite quickly - although it's best not to sand the repair until the next day. Sometimes it helps to smooth over the repair again with a wet filling knife once the filler has hardened slightly.

Once you've sanded the filler, you'll need to clean off the sanding dust and inspect the repairs. You may need to fill and sand again to eliminate things such as lines and dips in the filler – depending on how perfect you want the finish to be. Alternatively, you could line the walls with lining paper now that you've filled most of the cracks and holes. The more uneven the walls, the thicker the lining paper should be.

MOODY

Those people looking for a different interior this year are moving away from bland old magnolia and choosing darker, more moody colours instead, according to DIY chain B&Q.

Paints in deeper tones are flying off the shelves, with cat black, choco chick lit, plummy accent and matinee grey the bestsellers in Laurence Llewelyn Bowen's new Laurence Makes It Home paint range.

Similarly, the most popular choices from B&Q's Colours paint range are soft black, cocoa bean, forest fruits and grey slate. This follows on from last year, when sales of Crown's little black dress colour rose by 59 per cent. So far this year, sales have risen by 10 per cent.

"We're seeing unexpected colour combinations surfacing everywhere in home decor," said B&Q's Dee Gittens. "It's a move towards bolder, more original choices.

"Matt black and grey, contrasted with flashes of gold, bronze and azure blue, create a look that's glamorous, excessive and dramatic."

ASK THE EXPERT

Q: *I'm painting my hall, but can't reach the high ceiling above the stairs – what are my options?*

A: You can buy or hire stair ladders and platforms, which enable you to work safely on stairs - if you're buying one, go for a combination ladder because it will be useful for all kinds of tasks.

You can also get long poles that slot into the end of your paint roller, and long poles with rollers already attached, which you could use on the ladder.

If the ceiling is really high, the easiest thing is to paint the ceiling and walls the same colour because you won't be able to reach to do neat edges. For anywhere the roller won't reach, you can use a paintbrush tied to the end of the pole with tape – although getting enough pressure on the brush can be tricky.

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You are invited to Barry College's 50th Birthday Party!

Monday 28th June 2010
10.00am – 1.00pm
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All those who contribute photographs or written memories will receive a thank you letter and commemorative gift. The website www.barry.ac.uk/50 also includes details of planned activities and events through the academic year to allow all who wish to participate in celebrations the opportunity to do so.

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Out and About with The GEM

Well, if it isn't Cygnus Atratus!

ABOVE:
There was a new visitor to the Knap lake recently, when this black swan (Cygnus Atratus) made a surprise appearance, where local resident PHILIP DAWSON took the picture.

Fields stage family giant picnic

A 'GIANT family picnic' will take place in Newbridge Fields, Bridgend, on Wednesday, June 2 from 2pm-4pm.

It is being organised by Bridgend County Borough Council's library and information service to celebrate National Family Week, which highlights spending quality time together through healthy and active lifestyles.

Fun activities include stories, puppets, face painting, and balloon modelling.

Admission is free. For further details, call Coed Parc reference library on (01656) 754810. Please note, that the picnic is dependent on weather conditions.

IN BRIEF

Guild meeting

THE Glamorgan Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers meets on Wednesday, June 9 for a talk 'My Own Work' by Riitta Sinkonen-Davies at Old School, Sully at 7.30pm.

Riitta will talk about her work as a weaver and show slides of her new work.

Members £2, visitors £3.50.

For further details, telephone Kirsten Gable on 01443 650336.

Art exhibition

TONDU and District Art Society holds its Summer Exhibition 2010 at the Len Evans Centre, Aberkenfig (near Bridgend) on June 12-15 at 10am-6pm daily.

Free entry, light refreshments, raffle.

PRINCE OF PERSIA IS A BLAND, BUT ENJOYABLE BLOCKBUSTER EXPERIENCE

SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

VIDEO games do not a great movie make: Ever since film producers believed that gamers would spend their hard-earned money on film versions of their favourite games, the success rate has remained firmly at zero.

Super Mario Brothers, Mortal Kombat, Doom, Street Fighter... the list of casualties has been seemingly endless. Despite this poor pedigree, however, uber-producer Jerry Bruckheimer obviously feels he is able to buck the trend, by producing an adaptation of the renowned Prince of Persia in *Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time*.

Jake Gyllenhall stars as the titular Prince Dastan, a boy from the streets who was adopted by the king. When Dastan is framed for the murder of his adopted father, he is forced to go on the run with Princess Tamina (Gemma Arterton), and a mysterious dagger that can turn back time. With Dastan's brothers Tus (Richard Coyle) and Garsiv (Toby Kebbell), and their shady uncle Nizam (Ben Kingsley) sending forces to find Dastan, he must try to clear his name while keeping the dagger away from dark forces who are intent on using it for evil...

An army invades a region looking for weapons of mass destruction, only to find none, while shady forces manipulate said invasion for their own ends – the story of the next Paul Greengrass film, or the work of a film maker intent on making a statement about the nature of war perhaps?

Try the subtext of a Jerry Bruckheimer film aimed squarely at the blockbuster audience and you'll be on the right track. But before you think the uber-producer has gone all highbrow for the popcorn crowd, have no fear – there are no clunky attempts at making a film high on moralising and low on thrills and spills.

Instead, *Prince of Persia* is a film that does exactly what you would expect of it – and while it doesn't quite match up to the highpoints of Bruckheimer's glories, it still makes for a nicely diverting two hours of cinema, if a touch too bland and restrained.

Of course, the big news is that it is a film based on a videogame that isn't completely awful – and one that the game franchise's many legion of fans will find little to quibble about. While Mike Newell may be to some a staid director suited to the likes of *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, he showed with *Harry Potter and The Goblet of Fire* that he is more than capable of bringing 'epic' to the big screen, and the director is successful yet again here.

Cleverly incorporating elements of the game's play into the sequences, Newell brings a nice verve and spark to the action sequences, giving them both a sense of daring but also adding a touch of reality (the rooftop chases are straight from the canon of Jason Bourne, intentional or not).

There is a clear aim from the director of creating a fantastical yet slightly plausible feel to the sequences, and while the computer effects briefly feel a touch too computerised, there is a wonderful sense of spectacle and excitement that is well placed.

One of the touchstones, conscious or otherwise, is the *Indiana Jones* franchise, the film trying (and by and large succeeding) in capturing the freewheeling sensibility that marked out that franchise, and the performances of both Jake Gyllenhall and Gemma Arterton both help to make that happen.

The former not only manages a proper English accent with style, but also anchors the film superbly well, bringing his 'serious actor' credibility and giving the film substance in the more dramatic moments, but also displaying a wonderful lightness of touch and spark with Arterton.

The British actress is becoming hot property this year, and while her turn in *Clash of the Titans* was nothing to write home about, here she shows that she has the talent to back up the praise she's been receiving.

Her chemistry with Gyllenhall is well constructed and works nicely on screen. The characters have little trust in each other but a mutual attraction they have to subdue – and Arterton is more than a match for her co-star, giving the Princess a feisty and resourceful attitude while making her more than equal to Dastan's leaping and fighting skills – she is anything but a damsel in distress, and Arterton delivers a turn that is hugely appealing.

As is par for the course with blockbuster films nowadays, the cast are made up of renowned actors who bring a degree of class and quality to proceedings, and *Prince of Persia* is no exception. Old hands Ben Kingsley and Alfred Molina offer up decent and comedic turns respectively, the former hinting at villainy while the latter is a character designed to get laughs and does so with aplomb (another little nod to the Indiana Jones franchise given Molina played a similar character in *Raiders of the Lost Ark*).

Meanwhile, relative newcomers Toby Kebbell and Richard Coyle offer up good support in smallish roles as Dastan's brothers, the latter particularly notable as the future king with the weight on his shoulders.

The screenplay, from Boaz Yakin, Doug Miro and Carlo Bernard, remains by and large faithful to the characters of the games with a few subtle changes here and there that shouldn't cause too much consternation; but while they get that right, its the story (engineered by the game's creator Jordan Mechner) and dialogue that doesn't fare too well.

While the use of the dagger to turn back time isn't the most of original concepts, it could at least have been used far more effectively within the story than it is; as it is, it's merely a cute plot device that means the writers can try to pull the rug from under you before returning things to the status quo, something that hinders the climax of the film quite dramatically.

Similarly, the dialogue (let's face it, never a strong suit of the blockbuster genre) creaks and groans with exposition that couldn't be more blatant than if the actors turned to the screen and said 'Pay attention to this bit' – lines such as "... only the dagger can unlock the sands of time. And there are those who would use this power to destroy the world" and "... releasing the sand turns back time. Only the holder of the dagger is aware what's happened" are clunky by any standards.

While *Prince of Persia* is easily the best videogame adaptation yet, as a blockbuster on its own terms it doesn't quite hit the spot – the performances are strong, as is the direction, but its very much a case of offering little that is fresh.

While *Prince of Persia* satisfies the popcorn sensibility, its inability to mine anything new counts against it - but as a purely cinematic experience it makes for entertaining viewing.

VERDICT – A bit premature to say the videogame-to-film curse has been lifted, but *Prince of Persia: Sands of Time* is easily the best example of it so far – and it works well as a blockbuster film to boot.

The well-trodden script aside, there is much to enjoy here despite its shortcomings, and is a film well worth watching. *Enjoyable*.

'Visit Wales' is message of ad campaign

A NEW campaign is encouraging people to experience 'proper holidays' in the Vale and other parts of Wales.

Minister for Heritage, Alun Ffred Jones, told the Assembly that he hoped the new campaign, which had its first TV ad aired on May 17, would strengthen Wales position as a tourism destination.

The 'proper holiday' campaign features real people having real experiences in Wales. The campaign features two stars – Wales, of course, and the Darkes family from Huddersfield, who were genuinely disappointed by their last holiday abroad.

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Out and About with The GEM

Dyffryn to St Donats

IN June, St Donats Arts Centre will showcase an exhibition called 'A Year in Dyffryn - Work in Progress' showing work by the members of VOGA (Vale of Glamorgan Artists).

The 20 artists work in a wide range of media, including painting, print-making and ceramics, trying to capture the images and themes unfolding through the seasons at Dyffryn.

One member is Eileen Allan and trees have for many years been a major feature of her drawing and painting. She has shown her work in Scotland, Ireland, France and the USA, and says: "I have found the outstanding collection of trees at Dyffryn a great inspiration!""

The exhibition includes both finished work and preparatory studies, displayed so that visitors to the gallery can follow the artists' creative processes. The exhibition is open from June 3-25, Monday to Friday, 10am-4pm.

For more information visit: www.stdonats.com, www.voga.org.uk and http://vogadyffryn.blogspot.com.

Artist Eileen Allan sketching at Dyffryn Gardens.

History comes to life at Cosmeston Medieval Village

COSMESTON Medieval Village near Penarth is the home of a reconstructed village of the 14th century and next bank holiday, Sunday and Monday, May 30-31, from 11am-5pm, history will again come alive!

Camping in and around the village will be soldiers and civilians from many different ages. Victorian soldiers of the Zulu war rub shoulders with the Royal Welch Fusiliers from the fields of Waterloo, while warriors of ancient Greece can be seen with the demure and cultured ladies of the Regency period!

Of course, the Vikings and Pirates will compete with one another to see who can be the least civilised!

There will be living history camps to investigate, displays throughout the day and lots for the family to see and do. Have a go at writing with a quill, drill with Queen Victoria's soldiers, try on some armour, sign up for His Majesty King George's Navy or even see what life was really like as an ancient Greek warrior!

A day out for the family gives an opportunity to see many different periods of history – all in one place!

For more information call 029 20 701678;

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number 619.

- **£2000:** 899141.
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For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

Round Table fun day on Island!

BARRY Round Table and Barry Pleasure Park are organising a free fun day next month to support local children's charities at Barry Leisure Park.

The two organisations will be sponsoring a VIP day for hundreds of deserving children from local charities and associations.

A Round Table spokesman said:"In addition, we are able to offer the general public a chance to take advantage of the park facilities as well, for a price of 99p per person, to have unlimited rides for two hours between 12pm-2pm, 2pm-4pm, 4pm-6pm, 6pm-8pm on June 26 The 99p tickets are available for purchase prior to the day from Barry Island venues – 'The Dolphin' 11am-9pm, Wed-Sun; and Hyper Value 10am-5pm, Mon-Sun.

Tickets are for sale on the day, also directly from the Pleasure Park. We also have the support of local traders.

"However, if you are involved in a local children's charity, we have limited VIP places left and would love to hear from you. Remaining wrist bands are limited so it is on a first come first serve basis for appropriate charity organisations."

Contact by email: stuart.tay@ntlworld.com .

Miss Teen Galaxy wows the Ty Hafan children

YOUNGSTERS and their families at Ty Hafan were "delighted" to get a visit recently from Sara Morgan – Miss Teen Galaxy 2010.

Sara and her family spent a couple of hours being shown around the hospice and meeting some of the children and staff. One little girl was especially taken with Sara's amazing tiara.

A spokeswoman reported: "Like everyone who visits this very special place, Sara immediately became aware of the peace and tranquillity which parents can experience during a short break from caring for their life-limited child 24/7.

"There is also a vibrant and positive atmosphere in which older children can spend time making friends and experiencing a degree of independency at Ty Hafan without their parents."

Sara commented: "It's wonderful to know that Ty Hafan can be there to help these children and their families, whether it's at the hospice, in the family home or at a hospital bedside.

"I felt inspired to do what I can to help the children and their families after meeting some of them and witnessing their strength, courage and happiness."

Ty Hafan will be opening its doors to the public at its annual fun day on Sunday, June 27.

ABOVE: Sara met some of the children staying at Ty Hafan and later made her mark on the famous hand print wall.

PACT meetings

COURT PACT, Scout Hall, Ilminster Street, May 27, at 7.30pm.
BONVILSTON Coffee and Chat, Red Lion public house, May 27, at 11.30am.
YSTRADOWEN Coffee and Chat, White Lion public house, June 1, at 11.30am.
RHOOSE PACT, Celtic Way Community Centre, June 1, at 7pm.
ST BRIDES PACT, St Brides Church Hal, June 2, at 6pm.
ST AUGUSTINE'S PACT Surgery, TESCO, Penarth Marina car park, May 28, between 2pm-4pm.
STANWELL PACT, Stanwell Comprehensive School, May 28, at 7pm.
DINAS POWYS PACT, Bethesda Hall, June 7, at 7pm.

Arts and crafts

THERE will be a children's arts and crafts afternoon in the Berwyn Centre, Nantymoel, on Tuesday, June 1, from 2pm-4pm.

Youngsters up to 11, will be making personalised t-shirts.

Organised by Bridgend County Borough Council's arts and community development department, admission per child is £2.50 (£4 with lunch box served at 1.30pm).

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Hospice to take 40 people on...

Charity trek on the Great Wall

Janet Suart, Rebecca Bailey, Lesley Taylor, Glynis Carter.

THE Marie Curie hospice at Penarth launched its fourth annual hospice trek on May 5 at the Oriental Garden, Red Dragon Centre, Cardiff Bay.

The hospice will be taking 40 local people to trek the Great Wall of China on September 2011.

Claire Notman, Community Fundraiser said: "This was our most successful launch to date. We had 35 people turn up on the evening with seven of them registering right then and there, which was fantastic. We still have plenty of places, though, and are encouraging anyone who is interested to give me a call on 02920 426068, or email me at claire.notman@mariecurie.org.uk

"This will be our biggest hospice challenge to date and we aim to raise over £70,000, which will go towards more nursing care for terminally ill patients and their families in the Penarth Hospice."

VALE OF GLAMORGAN MIDWEEK CRICKET LEAGUE - WEEK THREE ROUND UP

Four-way tie at the top for cricket teams

AFTER three unprecedented dry weeks, four teams maintain a 100 per cent record.

Barry Athletic defeated Cardiff at the Diamond Ground. Batting first, Nathan Baker completed a third half–century of the season, his unbeaten 70 being the mainstay of the Stags' 154 for 4 with N Shea taking 2 for 18.

In reply, Dewi Preece and Elian Jones both scored 35 in the Cardiff score of 131 for 6, while Simon Phillips took 3 for 15 to maintain the Stags fine start.

Barry Internationals played hosts Penarth and won by nine wickets. The Seasiders scored a decent 140 for 6, A Singh scored 46 while Abzal took 3 for 58. However, the Internationals won with some ease as Saleh (65 not out) and Temoor, with an unbeaten 50 saw the visitors home to a comfortable win.

Llantwit Cavaliers continued one of their best starts to a campaign with a 14–run win at Barry Wanderers. J Hill with 48 top–scored for a strong Wanderers, Jake MacNaughton returning 3 for 21 as the home team amassed 145 for 9 in response to an excellent 159 all out from the Cavaliers.

Not for the first time, Julian Griffiths, who carried his bat and came within a whisker of scoring the season's first ton, led the Cavaliers attack, scoring 97 not out.

Defending champions Lisvane travelled to Llantwit and they recorded a second win of the season by defeating the Colts by 89 runs. Stuart Drury top scored with 45 not out in a score of 167 for 8 that contained 27 wides.

F Wheatley, 2 for 10, was the pick of the bowlers. The Colts top score in their 78 for 8 was Neil Pritchard with 14, while Glyn Williams returned the best analysis of the season, by taking 5 for 23.

Elsewhere, Pencoed entertained a struggling Creigiau and recorded their first win of the season. Hitting 142 for 5, Richard Gregory top scoring with 45, Pencoed then dismissed the vistors for just 75, J Frewen returning 3 for 16.

Lastly, Cogan Chiefs, chasing a Dinas Powys score of 106 in which Dave Sadler and Jamie Croll both captured a brace of wickets, knocked their target off with some ease, the Smiths, Lloyd and Hugh, scoring 46 and 28 respectively.

At the time of writing, no result had been reported from the West End versus Fontygary clash.

Romilly does the double

BARRY Romilly Bowling Club's 'A' side played their SVLA match at Millwood Bowling Club on Saturday.

Unfortunately, Millwood had to play with two players short which was to their disadvantage. However, the match was played with both sides making the best of the situation.

Bob Wyatt's rink of C Collins, C Davies and K Westgate were the 'top bananas' in this match and led from start to finish. They went ahead 7-3 after eight ends and powered on to score another 30 shots over the remaining ends, a finish not seen since *Red Rum's* last race, for a 37-11 rink win.

J Jones's rink of P Hoad, T Bloomfield and P Denley also had a strong game and were level at 13-13 after 10 ends. They then went on with some hot scoring, which included a big seven on the 16th end to win the rink 36-19.

Vince McFarland's rink of W Hewitt, A Burge and A Jones had a slow start but drew level on the ninth end. They picked up their game for a strong finish to win the rink 22-13.

Bryn Gough's rink of D Bannister, D Ford and J Coles had a close game and played well. It was a tit for tat game and the scores were level after 20 ends. Fortunately, Romilly won the final end 20-18.

The Romilly Club side played their WBA match against Barry Central Bowling Club at Romilly Park on an improved green and with several changes in the team.

A Bryan's rink of R Blueit, B Cheal and G Rees had a strong game and were in front for most of the match. Their opponents went one shot in front on the 11th end, from which point Romilly upped their game, scoring 24 shots over the remaining 10 ends, including a big six, for a splendid 34-16 win.

Tony Freeman's rink of C Geen, D Cameron and P Gershenson also had a strong game with some splendid scoring, and led by 25-6 after 14 ends.

They did, however, slow down and allowed their opponents to score 11 shots over the last seven ends to reduce the margin. Romilly win 30-17.

Howard Jones's rink of M Doyle, P Herbert and M Gershenson had a close match despite Central's early lead for the first 14 ends. It was at this point that Romilly rallied and found some form, produced a better finish than their opponents and went on to win the rink 22-18.

Mel Newman's rink of G Eastment, G Whittaker and K Clements also had a close game and were behind up to the 14th end on which they drew level at 15-15.

Romilly then pulled some shots out the bag to go on and win the game 21-8.

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Local tennis club is 'delighted' with its start to season

THERE have been more good results for the teams at Penarth Lawn Tennis Club in the Courtstall South Wales Leagues.

The Ladies' First team have played two more matches in Premier Division Two, winning one and losing one.

On May 5, they hosted Cardiff's second team, but with Briohny Selley and Jan Allen both unavailable, they were beaten 4–2.

The top pair of Alex Robinson and Caroline Hazell won one rubber, losing narrowly against their opposite numbers on a third set tie-break.

The second pair of Nicola Williams and Alys Cunningham also won one rubber, but Clare Heydon and 12–year–old Milly Williams were beaten in their two rubbers.

The Ladies recovered to convincingly beat Stow Park 5–1 in another home fixture on May 10. Briohny Selley returned to the side. She and Alex Robinson won both their matches very easily indeed for the loss of just four games in total.

The second pair of Nicola Williams and Caroline Hazell also performed well, winning their two rubbers while dropping just six games.

Penarth's third pair of Alys Cunningham and Clare Heydon fought two closer matches, winning one, to complete the 5–1 scoreline.

The Men's first team maintained their 100 per cent start to their debut season in Premier Division Three, beating Firbank Dale 4-2 in Newport on Sunday.

The match did not start as planned, with Penarth top pair of Rob Cunningham and Gavin Seymour suffering their first defeat of the season, losing 6–7, 6–7, to their opposite numbers.

However, the second pair of Mark Lewis and James Williams beat the Firbank Dale third pair 6–2, 6–2, while the third pair of Jez Thomas and Adam Muse overcame the home second pair 6–2, 6–2, to leave Penarth 2–1 up after the first round.

Penarth's victory was sealed in the second round of matches. Cunningham and Seymour thumped the home second pair 6–2 6–1, while Thomas and Muse beat their opposite numbers 6–1, 6–4. Lewis and Williams were beaten 6–7, 2–6 by the strong home top pair, to leave the match score 4–2.

Penarth are delighted with their start to the season, but a much tougher test will follow next weekend at home to Penarth Windsor, who are also unbeaten in three matches.

The men's second team recovered from their opening day's disappointment, with a 5–1 home win against Whitchurch's third team in Division Five East.

the first pair of Martin Radford and Giles Gray, after a calamitous opening match against Penarth Windsor, started well this time round, beating their opposite numbers 7–6, 6–3 but then lost inexplicably to the Whitchurch second pair 3–6, 3–6.

Happily, the second pair of Ben Selley and Simon Clarke continued their unbeaten start to the season, thumping the Whitchurch third pair 6–2, 6–2 and the first pair 6–1, 6–4 with their usual explosive brand of tennis.

Penarth's third pair of Geoff Morgan and Tom O'Brien also won both their matches, 6–3, 6–2 against the visiting 2nd pair, and 6–4, 6–2 against their opposite numbers.

The men's third team are just one division below the second team, and began their campaign in Division Six East with a narrow 4–5 home defeat against Caerphilly's second team.

The first pair of Tom Pegg and Paul Robinson won one rubber easily but lost the other two, both on the dreaded third set tie-breaker.

The second pair of Dave Wilson and Colin Scammell managed to win two rubbers, one on a tie-break, but lost the other in straight sets.

The third pairing of Peter Smowton and Joe Hall also won one rubber on a match tie-break but lost the other two.

The ladies' second team have begun their season in Division Five East with one win and one defeat. Their first match was a home tie against Dinas Powys' fourth team, in which the first pair of Vanessa Parselle and Beth Randall won their two rubbers in straight sets.

The second pair of Isobel Symonds and Kathy Muse won one of their two rubbers, but the third pair of Olivia Muse and Susan Lyons lost both their matches on third set tie-breaks.

However, the two sets won by Olivia and Susan proved crucial as Penarth won the match on sets countback with the scores tied at 3–3.

The ladies took a weaker team to their second match, away to Whitchurch second team, and were beaten 1–5. Only Penarth's second pair of Susan Lyons and Milly Williams managed to win one rubber, although the first pair of Deborah Gale and Olivia Muse were narrowly beaten on a third set tie-break in another.

The third pair Jill Monroe and Jane Crofts lost their matches in straight sets.

Stay tuned for more news of Penarth's team matches next week, in particular the clash between the first teams of Penarth and Penarth Windsor to see who will lead Premier Division Three after four matches. Windsor will start as the favourites but with an improved squad this year, the Rectory Road side are in with an outside chance.

For membership queries please visit www.pltc.org.uk or contact Chrissie Pegg on 07770473261. For coaching, go to www.robthecoach.co.uk or contact Rob Cunningham on 07909987359.

Vale point-to-point meeting is hoping for sunny weather

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

POINT-to-point enthusiasts from all over the country will be flocking to Bonvilston on Bank Holiday Monday for the Countryside Alliance Club (Wales) meeting and all eyes will be on farmer's son John Mathias (aged 19), who is making a bold bid to bring the national riders' championship title back to Wales.

Cowbridge's James Tudor was the last Welshman to win in the 2006/07 season when he rode a total of 37 winners, and the legendary Cowbridge farmer John Llewellyn was successful back in 1983.

Racing gets under way at 2pm and there will also be two pony races to wind up the south Wales season.

Meanwhile, a large crowd attended the sun-baked Gelligaer Farmers meeting where John Mathias and Nathan Deakin both came away with doubles.

Mathias was successful on *Rosies Peacock* (confined) and *Mac Two* (restricted division two) and Deakin won with *Grey Kid* (mixed open) and *Bunny McDougall* (aged horse maiden).

Ogmore jockey Nick Williams, assistant trainer to Evan Williams – no relation – was full of praise for the officials who spent days watering the course to provide good going for the horses. No doubt, Bonvilston farmer Tudor Harris, who owns the land the Countryside Alliance meeting will be racing over, has been out with his 'watering can' this week!

Shane Marsh, who rides out for Aberthin trainer Tim Vaughan, chalked-up his first winner when landing the members' race on Paul Riddick's *Lester Leaps In* who beat stable mate *Pollerton Boy* by just three parts of a length. *Pollerton Boy* was ridden by Robbie Williams who was having his first ride in a point-to-point.

Llancarfan trainer Evan Williams had a double at Fakenham on Sunday with *Mutual Respect* and *Moon Melody*.

The latter was ridden by leading Welsh lady amateur rider Isabel Tompsett and the former by stable jockey Paul Moloney.

Aberthin's Tim Vaughan also came away with a winner when his former point-to-pointer *Dead Or Alive* landed the Rex Carter Memorial Handicap Chase under Richard Johnson.

You can email your news/views to Brian Lee at leebrian@btinternet.com or phone him on 029 2073 6438.

Transition workshop

TRANSITION Cowbridge has organised a vegetable growing workshop on Saturday, June 5 (10am-4pm).

The workshop will cover the basics from planning and preparing a vegetable plot, soil, compost, crop rotation and how to plant. Cost (£15) to include lunch.

Further details on this workshop or others in the series from Dinky Kennedy on 01446 775686, or transitioncowbridge@googlemail.com

Obi looks for peace and quiet!

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THIS week: Obi is an 18-month-old neutered female, who is very friendly and gentle and likes having a lap to curl up on.

This is *Obi's* second visit to the centre; she was originally brought in because the home she was in was very busy and she found it too much to cope with. We found her a new home, but she was returned soon afterwards because her owner was allergic to her.

Obi needs a quiet home with no young children where she can be the one and only cat. She is a real sweetie and will make someone a lovely companion; she has been with us for over two months now, so is really desperate for somewhere to call home.

SUE DOBBS

Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools Senior track and field championships Cardiff International Sports Stadium

Curtis signs off in style at athletics event

CURTIS MATHEWS was the star of the show at the Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Schools' senior championships, held at Cardiff International Sports Stadium at Leckwith.

The Barry Comprehensive year-13 student showed that he is in the shape to have an excellent summer of track and field, retaining his high jump, long jump and discus titles with improved performances on 2009.

Although he was closest to a new championship best in the long jump, where his 6.52 metres was only three centimetres short of Chris Shepherd's 1996 mark, he was perhaps most impressive in the discus.

By Brett Morse's 2007 championships best of 52.64 metres, a winning discus mark of 39.41 might seem poor, but the lightness on his feet in the turn suggests that, as the season unfolds, he has the potential to improve by another five metres.

If one year-13 ended his appearance at this event on a high, there were mixed fortunes for two of last year's record breakers. Although she retained the triple jump title, and claimed the 100 metres hurdles title, Bro Morgannwg year-13 Elinor Lewis will be disappointed that, after years of setting new championship bests, she failed at her opening height in the defence of her pole vault crown.

That failure may not be down to her technique. A significant part of the problem may well have been that one of the new uprights could not be moved back to the 80-centimetre mark. The system could only be adjusted to 63 centimetres, whereas Lewis would have preferred the uprights set back to at least 70 centimetres. It is a small margin, but one that can result in failure rather than clearance.

For the second of last year's record breakers, Ayla Phillips, a pupil at Llantwit Major Comprehensive up to last year but now studying at Barry College, there is a problem of confidence.

In the hammer competition, the event at which she has set new best marks in her age group since 2006, at present she is trying too hard and overturning. The outcome is often a distance well below what she is capable of. Her winning distance of 24.94 metres is 10 metres down on last year, but was her only throw within the sector.

Once she relaxes and the technique improves, she knows that she has the ability to crack the 40-metre barrier – and she also has the knowledge that she has one more year at this competition. To add to the disappointment on the day, her winning put in the shot was also not up to her 2009 mark.

Her Vale 'throws' partner, year-13 Sian Balchin (Kings Monkton) retained her discus and javelin titles, improving her winning distance in the discus.

On the track, there were enough competitors in the boys' 100 and 200 metres to warrant heats and a final.

Former St Richard Gwyn pupil Jamie Sexton, now competing in the colours of Barry College, won his heat and the final of the 100 metres. Year-12 students James Wiltshire (St Cyres, 400), Owen Haswell (Stanwell, 1,500) and Darren Jones (Llantwit, 2,000 Steeplechase) all had comfortable wins but the cool and blustery conditions resulted in times slower than they would have wanted.

The Cowbridge team scores were boosted by a shot and hammer double from Reuben Tucker, victory in the javelin for Nick Davies, a 400 hurdles and long jump double for Alice Thomas, and wins in the 1,500 metres and high jump respectively for Elspeth Bisson and Nicole Collier.

After her long-time absence because of injury, it was also good to welcome back Cerri-Anne Santos (St Cyres) with the year-12 student taking the 3,000 metres.

The Cowbridge policy of fielding two athletes in almost all events paid dividends as the school won both team competitions.

The winners from these championships will receive their award at the Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Schools track and field presentation evening at Cardiff High on Tuesday, September 7, starting at 7pm.

Before that event, Cardiff and the Vale team organisers Miss Sarah Moore and Mr Dai Williams (Glantaf) will be hoping that many of the athletes who took part at this fixture will also represent the district at the Aviva Welsh Schools National championships, at Brecon on Saturday, July 3.

Cardiff and the Vale are defending the overall points trophy, which they won for the second time in three years last year.

Results of Vale pupils – **Senior boys** – 100: Ht 1: 4 Tom Phillips (Stan) 12.2; 6 Tom Sander (Cow) 12.5; Ht 2: 1 Jamie Sexton (Barry Coll) 11.6; 2 Fred White (Cow) 12.2; 4 Taylor Harding (Bro M) 12.5; Fin: 1 Jamie Sexton (Barry Coll) 11.4; 6 Fred White (Cow) 12.2; 200: Ht 1: 2 James Wiltshire (St Cyres) 24.1; 4 Fred White (Cow) 24.5; Ht 2: 1 Oliver Trotman (Cow) 23.7; 6 Robbie Thompson (Barry Comp) 27.6; Fin: 2 James Wiltshire (St Cyres) 23.4; 5 Oliver Trotman (Cow) 24.1; 6 Fred White (Cow) 24.3; 400: 1 James Wiltshire (St Cyres) 52.1; 2 Hywel Arcos (Barry Comp) 55.5; 4 Tom Harrison (Cow) 58.5; 5 Josh Kemp (Cow) 67.9

800: 3 Dominic Farr (Bro M) 2:12.3; 6 Stefan Kitchen (Cow) 2:49.7; 7 Russell Watkins (Cow) 2:54.3; 1,500: 1 Owen Haswell (Stan) 4:24.9; 3 Joe Whitmarsh-Knight (Bro M) 4:47.8; 4 Mike Rosser (Cow) 5:13.4; 5 Stefan Kitchen (Cow) 5:25.2; 3,000: 2 Rhys Alexander (Cow) 12:01.1; 3 Josh Kemp (Cow) 13:20.5; 4 Kyle Garrison (Barry Coll) 13:36.2; 110H: 2 Mike Lloyd (Cow) 18.6; 4 Tom Harrison (Cow) 21.7; 400H: 2 Tom Phillips (Stan) 61.3; 4 Mike Lloyd (Cow) 65.6; 5 Sam Morgan (Cow) 69.9; 2,000 Sc: 1 Darren Jones (Llantwit) 7:11.0; 3 Tom Sander (Cow) 9:32.0; Rel: 1 Cowbridge 47.7; HJ: 1 Curtis Mathews (Barry Comp) 1.87; 2 Oliver Trotman (Cow) 1.80; 3 Mike Lloyd (Cow) 1.75; LJ: 1 Curtis Mathews (Barry Comp) 6.52; 2 Thomas Sander (Cow) 5.96; 4 Sam Bunkham (Cow) 5.46; TJ: 3 Sam Bunkham (Cow) 11.91; 5 Tom Harrison (Cow) 11.24; SP: 1 Reuben Tucker (Cow) 11.25; 2 Oliver Trotman (Cow) 10.23; 7 Hywel Arcos (Barry Comp) 7.92; Joe Hamonda (Barry Coll) 7.85; DT: 1 Curtis Mathews (Barry Comp) 39.41; 2 Nick Davies (Cow) 29.99; 4 Sam Dowell-Bennett (Cow) 24.88; HT: 1 Reuben Tucker (Cow) 22.80; 2 David Pittman Barry 20.24; 3 Sam Dowell Bennett (Cow) 18.02; 4 Kyle Garrison (Barry Coll) 15.28; JT: 1 Nick Davies (Cow) 35.61; 4 Stefan Kitchen (Cow) 32.84; 5 Kyle Garrison (Barry Coll) 30.00; 7 Taylor Harding (Bro M) 23.39.

Team: 1 Cowbridge 404.5; 5 Barry Comprehensive 97; 6 Barry College 64; 9 Bro Morgannwg 47.5; 10 Stanwell 39; 11 St Cyres 32; 12 Llantwit 17.

Senior girls – 100: 2 Amber Pringle (Bryn H) 16.3; 3 Louise Edwards (Cow) 16.8; 200: 2 Georgia Kemeys (Cow) 31.6; 3 Emily Renwick (Cow) 36.5; 400: 3 Beth Jarvis (Cow) 71.7; 4 Alice Thomas (Cow) 79.9; 800: 3 Eleri Phillips Griffiths (Bro M) 2.54.0; 4 Sabrina James (Cow) 3.01.3; 5 Megan Allman (Cow) 3.28.3; 1,500: 1 Elsbeth Bisson (Cow) 6.57.2; 2 Lucy Williams (Cow) 6.57.3; 3,000: 1 Cerri-Anne Santos (St Cyres) 13.48.7; 2 Holly Preece (Cow) 14.30.6; 3 Alison Bater (Cow) 14.41.8; 100H: 1 Elinor Lewis (Bro M) 18.3; 2 Kathryn Brown (Cow) 23.1; 400H: 1 Alice Thomas (Cow) 91.6; Rel: 1 Cowbridge 60.5; 2 Bryn Hafren 65.6; HJ: 1 Nicole Collier (Cow) 1.35; 2 Sian Balchin (Kings M) 1.05; 3 Jade Foley (Cow) 1.00; PV: Elinor Lewis (Bro M) NH; LJ: 1 Alice Thomas (Cow) 4.18; 2 Jordanne Dent (Bryn H) 3.58; 3 Melanie Bowden (Bryn H) 3.49; 4 Georga Evans (Cow) 3.41; TJ: 1 Elinor Lewis (Bro M) 9.62; 2 Beth Jarvis (Cow) 8.44; 3 Georga Kemeys (Cow) 7.89; SP: 1 Ayla Phillips (Barry Coll) 9.41; 2 Lani Tucker (Bryn H) 7.53; 3 Louise Edwards (Cow) 6.79; 4 Emily Renwick (Cow) 5.72; 5 Lucy Mitchell (Bryn H) 5.31; DT: 1 Sian Balchin (Kings M) 24.20; 2 Lucy Mitchell (Bryn H) 18.07; 3 Jade Foley (Cow) 16.94; 4 Olivier Hulme (Cow) 16.10; 5 Lani Tucker (Bryn H) 15.51; HT: 1 Ayla Phillips (Barry Coll) 24.94; 2 Louise Edwards (Cow) 17.22; 3 Emily Renwick (Cow) 12.93; JT: 1 Sian Balchin (Kings M) 27.12; 2 Jamie Treweeks (Bro M) 22.12; 3 Hazel Davies (Cow) 15.67; 4 Kathryn Brown (Cow) 14.03; 5 Emma Meyrick (Bryn H) 11.74; 6 Melanie Bowden (Bryn H) 9.24.

Team: 1 Cowbridge 405; 2 Bryn Hafren 124; 3 Bro Morgannwg 63; 4 Kings Monkton 49; 5= Barry College 34; 8= St Cyres 17.

REPORT BY PETER MORRIS PHOTOGRAPHS BY IAN DIXON

Jamie Sexton (Barry College) won his heat and the final of the 100 metres.

A senior title for Darren Jones (Llantwit) in the 2,000 metres steeplechase.

Disappointment for Elinor Lewis (Bro Morgannwg) with three failures at her opening height in the pole vault.

Star golf club graduates are on home turf!

ABOVE: Stephen Dodd (centre) with Martin Vaughan and Calvin O'Carroll.

THREE of Brynhill Golf club's famous 'old boys' took a break from their professional schedule to play a little social golf back in Barry.

Stephen Dodd, who has already won more than $250,000 this year in tournaments around the world, was joined by Martin Vaughan and Calvin O'Carroll, who are both teaching professionals at the world-famous La Manga Golf complex.

A club spokesman said: "As well as being a friendly and welcoming club, Brynhill has turned out a steady production line of seriously-talented young golfers.

"Other players who have made their mark include Rhys Davies, Kyron O'Sullivan, Lewis James and Iestyn Taylor, who all reached the professional ranks after starting out at Brynhill."

He added: "Are there many other clubs that can boast as many professional golfers from their junior section ?

"So, why not give the pro a call and learn the game at Brynhill?"

Friday futsal set to sweep Vale

JUST in time for the World Cup, a new style of football is set to sweep the Vale with the launch of a Friday night Futsal League.

Boys aged 12 to 16 can get their mates together to create teams and play for free in the new league each week at the Cadoxton Sports Hall between 7pm and 9pm as part of the 5x60 scheme.

Invented in Brazil, futsal is an indoor version of football that uses a smaller ball with reduced bounce, encouraging players to use their flair and creativity, just like present day samba stars such as Kaka and Luis Fabiano.

Ben Williams, one of the Vale Council's 5x60 Officers, has set up the league in partnership with local youth project 'Kick It' to create another way for local teenagers to hit the national target of exercising for at least 60 minutes, five days a week.

He said: "Don't just watch the World Cup, create your own competition by playing in the futsal league each week. You only need five to eight players for a team, and it costs nothing to play. All local teenagers are invited to put teams together, no matter what school you go to."

For further information about the futsal league please call Ben Williams on 07725 829801.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (TRINITY STREET, BARRY) DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACE (VARIATION) ORDER 2010

1. On the 19th May 2010 The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 45, 46 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) and all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described below:

2. The Order will come into operation on 31st May 2010,

3. A copy of the Order and plans showing the affected areas may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

4. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 31st May 2010 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

SCHEDULE

The Vale of Glamorgan Council (Various Locations, Barry) (Disabled Persons Parking Places) (No.1) Order 2006,
the following paragraph to be deleted from the Schedule:

Trinity Street, Barry
On its south-western side from a point approximately 7 metres south-east of its junction with the south-eastern side of Porthkerry Road, south-eastwards for a distance of 6.6 metres.

Dated this 27th day of May 2010.

M. Punter
Head of Visible Services
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps,
Wenvoe CF5 6AA.

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (TRINITY STREET, Y BARRI) (AMRYWIO) (MANNAU PARCIO AR GYFER POBL ANABL) 2010

1. Ar 19 Mai 2010, yr oedd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan Adrannau 45, 46 a 53 o Ddeddf Rheoli Traffig 1984 (ddiwygiedig) a phob p_er galluogi arall, wedi gwneud Gorchymyn a fydd yn effeithio'n gyffredinol ar yr ardal yn y modd a ddisgrifiwyd isod.

2. Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 31 Mai 2010,

3. Cewch weld copi o'r Gorchymyn a'r cynlluniau sy'n dangos yr ardaloedd dan sylw, yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.

4. Os hoffech ddadlau yn erbyn dilysrwydd y Gorchymyn neu'i ddarpariaethau am na chredwch fod gan y ddeddf uchod bwer i'w gweithredu, neu am y tybiwch eu bod yn methu â chydymffurfio â gofynion y ddeddf uchod neu un o'i hofferynnau, bydd gennych chwe wythnos o 31 Mai 2010 i wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys i'r diben hwnnw.

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Dyddiedig 27 Mai 2010.

M. Punter,
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The care given to David by Dr Jones' practice staff, especially Dr Pardoe, Sister Maggie and staff of Ward 16, Princess of Wales Hospital, Velindre Hospital, staff and nurses at Y Bwythyn Newydd.

To Father Julian Jenkins for all his support.

Thomas Bros, Cowbridge, for being so understanding, and contributors to Ty Hafan Children's Hospice.

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At Princess of Wales Hospital on Tuesday May 18, 2010, following a short illness, Betty, formerly of Cardiff and St Athan.

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The pupils, staff and parents crossed the fields to Aberthin, then walked along the lanes to Welsh St Donats and finished the walk by following the paths through Hensol Woods to Pendoylan.

The weather was kind to the walkers and the most difficult part of the day was getting the 67 walkers over about 20 stiles!

The pupils were met at Pendoylan Church by the Reverend Edwin Counsell, vicar of Pendoylan.

Members of staff were seen taking on liquid at the Red Lion Pub soon afterwards!

The day was a great success – as well as pupils taking part, six mums and dads turned out and eight members of staff walked with the pupils.

The school are grateful to the community of Welsh St Donats for the use of the village hall as a comfort stop. More than £1,500 has been raised by the walkers and their supporters. Thanks are due to all who took part in and supported the walk.

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Cottrell Park golf tourney to mark Armed Forces Day

NATIONAL Armed Forces Day will be held in Cardiff on June 26, and a number of events are planned in the run-up to it, including an Armed Forces Golf Tournament.

The tournament will take place on Wednesday, June 23, at Cottrell Park Golf Club.

The tournament is open to current serving Armed Forces personnel, reserve forces, veterans, cadets and personnel working within the MoD.

The day will feature both a Royal British Legion individual competition and a team competition dedicated to the Richard Hunt Foundation.

Cottrell Park has two 18-hole courses and the club has agreed to sponsor the day by waiving the green fees.

Tickets for the tournament are £20, which will include 18 holes of golf, a bacon roll and a hot drink on arrival, plus a hog roast buffet and a presentation to the lucky winners.

The main organiser of the tournament, Dave Morris, who is also a member of the Armed Forces Day Committee, said: "This event is the first of its kind for National Armed Forces Day and we hope to repeat the event again next year.

"I would personally like to thank both the sponsor of the individual event, the Royal British Legion, and Hazel Hunt of The Richard Hunt Foundation, who will be presenting the prizes to the winners of the team event."

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Application No:/
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Proposal:/Cynnig: Demolish existing dwelling construction of new including conversion existing barn
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Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth Rhoose

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/00492/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Addition of porch and enclosed patio to side and rear of existing dwelling
Location:/Lleoliad: Ty Ffynnon, Llanmaes, Llantwit Major
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth Llanmaes

Listed Building Consent
Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/00497/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Construction of new lean to single storey workshop in location of ruined existing outbuilding
Location:/Lleoliad: Plymouth House West, Dimlands Road, Llantwit Major
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

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Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/00496/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Construction of new lean-to single storey workshop in location of ruined existing outbuilding
Location:/Lleoliad: Plymouth House West, Dimlands Road, Llantwit Major
Listed Building:/
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Evenlode Primary pupils enjoy their 'smashing' day's tennis

Budding Vale tennis players are pictured with tennis coach Rob Cunningham.

PUPILS from Evenlode Primary School in Penarth have retained their title as the Vale's top tennis aces after winning seven out of nine events in a county-wide primary schools championships.

In a competition organised by the Vale Council's Dragon Sport team in conjunction with local tennis coaches, teams of boys and girls from across the Vale served, volleyed and smashed their way through singles and doubles matches in three age groups at Windsor and Dinas Powys Lawn Tennis Clubs.

Evenlode won the majority of the titles available last year, but had even more success this time around, starting with a clean sweep of the boys, girls and mixed events in the year-6-and-under age group (mini green).

The school also tasted victory in the boys and girls events at year-5-and-under (mini orange), with Llansannor Primary School taking the mixed title; while in the youngest category of year-3-and-under (mini red) Evenlode also won the boys and girls competitions, with St Andrew's Major C/W Primary School triumphing as mixed champions.

All of the winners will now go forward to represent the Vale at the south Wales regional finals.

The Vale Council's Dragon Sport co-ordinator Rachel McGuinness said: "Tennis is extremely popular in the Vale and all of the children who played in the championships had a great time."

Archers hit the support bullseye!

Junior archers Isaac, Liam and Ben checking that their arrows have hit the target at Boverton Archery Court.

THANKS to the incredible generosity of the people of Llantwit Major, Llantwit Major Junior Archers have managed to raise an amazing £1,080 towards the cost of a new sit-on lawnmower and shed for their outdoor practice site at Boverton Archery Court.

The young Archers hope to hit their fundraising target on Saturday, June 5, when they will take part in a 12-hour sponsored shoot!

For the only time this year, the court will be open to members of the public from 1pm-4pm on that date – a fantastic chance to have a go at archery for only £1 with some of Wales' top instructors!

The juniors would like to say a huge thank you to Filco Stores and their customers, and also the team of 'Super Mum' organisers and archers, Caroline, Sally, Catherine, Claire, Julie, Nathan, Connor, Molly, Verity, Liam, Gethyn, Kath, Joe, Ben and Jack.

Very special thanks to the archery instructors for the juniors, Mark and Yoke Lunn, as well as the archery club committee for their support.

Please contact the club through the website www.lmarchers.com

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St David's pupils helps ice hockey team to gold

A VALE schoolboy who plays for Cardiff Junior Devils, Jake Roberts of St David's School, Colwinston, was recently selected to represent his region as part of the South West Conference ice hockey team.

The Conference teams – south west England, south east England, midland, northern England, and Scotland - travelled to Hull in early May to compete in the junior inter-conference championship. The selection process is tough, with this tournament showcasing the best junior ice hockey talent in the UK.

The south west team enjoyed an easy 7-1 win over northern conference, and followed that up with a 3-0 win over scottish conference late the same evening.

Their match the next day, against the midland conference, ended with a 1-0 loss, after captain Josh Waller just failed to capitalise on a penalty shot for the equaliser.

The following morning saw another comfortable win put them through to the final.

South West had something to prove in the final – and did just that, taking their scoring opportunities and defending well to win by 5 – 3 to take home the gold medal.

SPORTS NEWS FROM COWBRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

Under-13s are just pipped in Urdd Sevens final

THE year-7/8 rugby team entered the Urdd Welsh Nationals Sevens tournament held at Strade School, Llanelli.

After their experience of playing in Berkhamsted and Rosslyn Park Sevens, the school under-13 team looked forward to the challenge. In the group stages they won each game comfortably:

Ystalyfera 28-7 – Tries: George Griffiths (three), Tom Trotman (one plus four conversions), Alex Guard.

Coedlae School, Llanelli 43-0 – Tries: Josef Gaughan (three), George Griffiths, Nicky Griffiths, Harri Dowell Bennett (two). Conversions: Alex Guard (four), Joshua Thomas.

Cardinal Newman, Pontypridd 31-0 – Tries: Tom Trotman (four plus one conversion), Alex Guard (one plus three conversions).

This put them into the knock-out stages where they played **Llancatwg, Neath, winning 50-0**. Tries: George Griffiths, Nicky Griffiths (two), Josef Gaughan (two), Harri Dowell-Bennett (two plus one conversion), Tom Trotman. Conversions: Alex Guard (four).

The team qualified for the last 10 for the next day. Two pools of five played a round robin tournament with winners and runners-up reaching the semi-finals.

First up was Treorchy Comprehensive, and the school won 57-0 – Tries: George Griffiths, Nicky Griffiths, Josef Gaughan (four), Harri Dowell-Bennett (one plus one conversion), Joshua Thomas. Conversions: Alex Guard (four).

Next was Strade School, Llanelli and Cowbridge lost 24-14. It was the first time the team had been under pressure and missed tackles and poor decision making did not help in this physical encounter.

Tries: George Griffiths (two). Conversions: Alex Guard (two).

The third game was Maes-Yr-Yrfa, where Cowbridge won 26-21. This was another close game where the opposition applied pressure which led to mistakes. A try by George Griffiths in the final play of the game gave the team a win to stay in the competition.

Tries: George Griffiths (two), Harri Dowell-Bennett (two plus one conversion). Conversions: Alex Guard (two).

Finally, it was Preseli and Cowbridge won 49-0: Tries: George Griffiths, Nicky Griffiths, Josef Gaughan (three), Tom Trotman, Joshua Thomas (one plus three conversions). Conversions: Alex Guard (four).

Cowbridge finished runners-up in the group and played the other group winners, Cefn Saeson Comprehensive School, in the semi-final.

The loss of powerful runner Harri Dowell-Bennett with a broken arm in the final match of the group did not deter the boys as they played their best Sevens of the day to defeat Cefn Saeson 45-14 – Tries: George Griffiths (four), Josef Gaughan (two), Joshua Thomas (one plus one conversion). Conversions: Alex Guard (four).

The boys were very disappointed that the final was not to be held at Parc y Scarlets, as it was last year, and at Stradey Park for many years before that. The cost of hiring the Parc y Scarlets ground was way beyond the Urdd budget.

The amount of work that the Urdd organisation does for sport, especially the two-day event for rugby, you would have thought the Welsh Rugby Union would have been pleased to help the development and continued interest in the game of rugby.

Nevertheless, the boys played the final on the excellent pitch of Coleg Sir Gâr against local school Ysgol y Strade.

In the first half, the team continued using pace and space and went into a two-try lead. Just before half-time, Strade struck back with a try.

Injuries to Joshua Thomas and Adam Dix, together with some tight calls by the referee, gave the game an exciting finish.

Pressure by the Strade School gave them an equalising try. Cowbridge could not get the ball out to their quick boys because of the pressure they were under and finally, this resulted in a winning try for Strade. **Final score: 17-14** – Tries: George Griffiths, Josef Gaughan. Conversions: Alex Guard (two).

This was a tremendous effort by all the squad over two days to finish runners-up in the National Sevens Tournament.

A big thank you to year-8 for an excellent season overall and we hope they go from strength to strength as they continue up through the school. Thank you to the parents who have supported the boys and the school during the season.

Vale Cup year-8

The delayed Vale Cup year-8 against Stanwell was played at Cowbridge Rugby Club with year-8 winning 47-15. Tries were by George Griffiths (four) and Josef Gaughan (three) and conversions were by Sean Rowland (six).

Full squad: Sean Rowland, George Griffiths, Josef Gaughan, Nicky Griffiths, Owen Ace, Alex Guard, Harri Goodfellow, Callum O'Brien, Tom Higgins, Sam Richards, Noah Johnston, Nathaniel Weaver, Mathew Lock, Aaron Bowman, Mark Herbert, Dan Holder, Mathew Howells, Llwyd Elms.

Boys excel at athletics meet

COWBRIDGE boy's athletics squad put in some fantastic performances at the recent combined athletics meeting at Leckwith.

In the junior boys competition, there was an outstanding performance from George Griffiths from year-8, who finished fifth overall in a very competitive field with many year-9 pupils.

Harry Hitchcock was the top finisher (10th) in the middle boy's event, closely followed by James Williams from year-11 and then Matt Whiteley and Christian Roberts-Walters.

The senior event is where the boys produced some outstanding results, with Oliver Trotman finishing third, Tom Sander sixth, Sam Bunkham seventh, Fred White eighth, Tom Harrison ninth, Steffan Kitchen 10th and Michael Rosser 11th.

Even more pleasing was the fact that this year saw the highest-ever number of competitors in the senior boy's event. Cowbridge Comprehensive School provided 50 per cent of the competitors which is testament to the dedication, commitment and enthusiasm of our pupils.

Well done boys!

Senior tennis marathon game

THE senior tennis squad advanced to the semi-finals of the Glavill Cup competition for Wales and west of England after a tense win against St John's School at the National Tennis Centre.

Top seed Tom Kamal won his singles comfortably, and No 2 seed David Humphries also got a vital win. However, St John's third and fourth seed comfortably securing wins over Theo Mann and Adam Wood, the doubles would be vital.

Captain Tom Kamal paired himself with Adam Wood and in a hard-fought game, and the school secured a close win with 6-4, 7-5.

ABOVE: Oliver Troman

RIGHT: Mike Lloyd

Unfortunately, David Humphries and Theo Mann were well beaten, which resulted in the tie entering a shoot out.

Did St John's make a mistake in selection when they changed their top pair? The still warm partnership of Kamal and Wood powered their way to a 10-8 victory in the shoot out after five-and-a-half hours on court.

Under-15 cricket

COWBRIDGE were confident heading to Cardiff High in round two of the Cardiff and Vale under-15 Cup, with both Sam Wood and Todd Wilcox having made the Welsh under-15 cricket team.

Sam Wood opened the batting with an impressive 41, partnered by Jack Davies who wasn't too far behind with 32. Skipper Will Antoni was bowled for a score of 13 and, with the remainder of the batting order averaging 10 runs each, Cowbridge amassed a total of 169 off 20 overs.

On a pacey wicket, Cowbridge strangely opened their bowling with makeshift spinner Todd Wilcox, who managed to take a wicket with his third over. Sam Wood slowed Cardiff's run rate with an impressive 12 runs off 32 balls, including two wickets.

Star of the show, though, was county player Jack Davies, with statistics of one run off 20 balls and two wickets. Cowbridge ran out comfortable winners, with Cardiff High bowled out for 68 for 15 overs.

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LOCAL MARTIAL ART STUDENTS PASS 'DAN' GRADE TESTS

THE British Tae Kwon Do Control Board (BTCB), held its 87th Dan Grade promotion test in Mansfield for more than 170 candidates.

After months of hard work and intensive training, four students from Wales Taekwondo based in the Vale successfully took their Dan Grade promotion tests on May 8-9.

Ryan Mackeprang, Kevin Hiscock, Sasha Walters and Ian Mullen participated in the biggest grading that the BTCB have held to date, with 95 candidates taking their 1st Dan black belt test on the Saturday and more than 70 candidates taking their 2nd Dan and above promotion tests on the Sunday.

The chief examiner and head of the BTCB technical committee, Master Lennox, said that despite the large number of candidates, the standard had been the highest the judging panel had seen.

There had been several failures over both days demonstrating that it was no mean feat to achieve the standard that the examining board was looking for in order to gain promotion.

However, all four candidates from Wales stepped up to the mark and demonstrated great skill, technical ability and etiquette in their tests leading to huge success.

ABOVE: Paul Jones pictured with his students.

All students had to complete a patterns section, destruction and a range of sparring and self-defence techniques and had to pass patterns and at least one of the other two sections in order to be promoted.

Ryan Mackeprang took his 1st Dan promotion test as the only junior from Wales and passed all three areas with flying colours, proving that dedication and determination really does pay off and result in a fantastic performance.

Kevin Hiscock also took his 1st Dan promotion test and demonstrated an excellent standard again passing all three areas exceptionally well. Both students have now been promoted to black belt and begin their journey to become fully capable martial artists.

Sasha Walters took her 2nd Dan promotion test the following day and passed all three areas to a high standard, receiving praising comments from the examiners upon completion.

Ian Mullen was the highest grade from Wales and took his 3rd Dan promotion test, passing all elements to such a high degree that the chief examiner informed him that he was "technically excellent" during the post grading presentation.

Master Paul Jones, chief instructor of Wales Tae Kwon Do, was exceptionally proud of all four students' performance.

Overall, the event was a great victory for all participants and Wales Tae Kwon Do in general. It showed the passion that the students have for the art.

The whole team from Llantwit Major and Llantrisant, who comprise Wales Tae Kwon Do, are now in training for a series of national and international competitions held by the BTCB, the only association to be affiliated with the British Olympic Committee (BOC).

For further details of the club and upcoming events please contact Master Paul Jones (5th Dan) on 07966171849 or 01446 790082.

Welsh point-to-pointers' success over the border

WELSH point-to-pointers *Lady Myfanwy* and *Oca De Thaix* fought out the finish of the Susan Guest Memorial Ladies' Open Race at the Golden Valley Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Bredwardine on Saturday.

It was the former, who is qualified with the Ystrad Taf Fechan Hunt, which emerged the winner.

Lady Myfanwy, owned by Paul Miles and trained by his wife Myfanwy, jumped the last fence just ahead of *Oca De Thaix* and went on to win by one-and-a-half lengths. *Lady Myfanwy* was ridden by Sally Randell, who was full of praise for the prolific bay mare who has now won 23 times and these wins include three hunter chases.

Oca De Thaix, an eight-year-old bay gelding, was partnered by his owner Charlotte Evans, who was riding in a point-to-point for only the second time.

Paul and Myfanwy made it a day to remember when their four-year-old chesnut gelding *Findley's Find* romped home 12 lengths ahead of *Sheran* in the second division of the young horse maiden race.

Findley's Find, who once cost a previous owner Harry Finlay £105,000,was ridden by 30-year-old Gwyn Marsh who had time to look around in the closing stages of the race for non existent dangers.

Jay Ell The Trier, who is qualified with the Glamorgan Hunt, finished third under Kevin O'Keefe, and could lose his maiden tag before the season ends.

Marsh, who hails from Hengoed but who now lives in Somerset, was riding only his second winner and only came in for the ride after a number of other riders had turned it down.

The first division of this race also went to Wales when *Clover Rock*, partnered by Wales' leading rider John Mathias, held off the strong challenge of *GetMeOutThe Doldrums*, ridden by Mark Wall, to win by a neck. *Clover Rock*, a seven-year-old brown gelding, was bought in Ireland by John's uncle Richard Mathias, and should go on to better things.

In the men's open race, Welsh hopes rested with the favourite *Minsgill Mans* ridden by John Mathias. However, the prolific 12-year-old couldn't go the pace in the closing stages and was outpaced by the winner *Waynesworld* (Tom Weston) and *SheKnowsYouKnow* (Mark Wall).

There were four lengths between the winner and runner-up and a further four lengths between the runner-up and *Minsgill Mans*. The fourth horse to finish was the 14-year-old grey *Ross River* who, ridden by his owner/trainer/rider Evan David, at one time looked like springing a surprise.

Mr PHD Wright's *Comrade Bob* (Luke Morgan) had one-and-a half lengths to spare over *Arbour Hill* in the 17-strong restricted, in which the Pentyrch qualified *Tostaky* ran well for a long way before fading out.

The aged maiden race went to the favourite *Smoker's Choice* (Jeremy Mahot) who won by two-and-a-half lengths from *Market Bob* (Rob Hodges).

BRIAN LEE

Mini Dragons enjoy their south coast tournament

RECENTLY, Barry Welsh Dragons under-10s and under-11s travelled to the Isle of Wight to take part in a football tournament.

The weather was perfect and teams from all around England played a full day of football. For the under-10s, there were goals from Harry Williams, Jackson O'Sullivan and Ashleigh Taylor Moore, and they had plenty of opportunities on goal as a result of some terrific play from Anthony Cannon, Cameron Pemberton and Lucy Hinder.

In defence, tackle master Sabian Griffiths just could not be beaten. Jac Marshall in goal finished the fantastic line-up.

The under-11 contingent was just as keen to show the English how well they could play.

Frustration was evident from the opposition as it soon become clear that they would not buckle under pressure, and every game they played was drawn.

In goal was Tyler James Ude, defence was led by Ewan O'Sullivan, Alex Glass and Bradley Johns with Ben Brown, Thomas Hubbard and Dean Clarke in midfield and Macauley Ross up front. Ffion Thomas was unable to play, as she broke her wrist the day before the tour!

All of the boys and girls were presented a trophy by Mark Wright – the former Liverpool and England World Cup star on the Sunday evening.

The under-11s were presented with their second Fair Play trophy to date.

All of the coaches and parents would like to congratulate the boys on their conduct, as they were a pleasure to watch on and off the pitch. Arddechog!

Barry Welsh Dragons FC are looking for players for their under-8s and under-9s. Anyone interested should contact Danielle on 07854 382745.

BARRIVALE BRIDGE CLUB

Members compete in national event

THE Perry Shield open teams and the Ladies' Spickett Bowl, both took place recently in Llandrindod Wells.

The competitions between the four areas of Wales, east, mid, north and west are held annually. Three Barrivale players played in the winning east Wales teams. Tim Barsby was in the Perry Shield and Joan Jenkins and Noelle Bond were in the Spickett Bowl.

Club open pairs championship, Tuesday, May 11 and Tuesday, May 18:

First, Mike Close and Mike Best – 63.64 per cent; Alan Jones and Lyn Matthews – 54.28 per cent; Noelle Bond and Joan Jenkins – 53.97 per cent. The open pairs handicap winners were Alan and Lyn.

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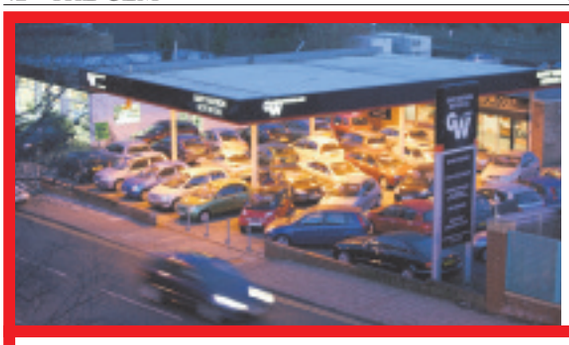

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COWBRIDGE CRICKET CLUB WEEKEND ROUND-UP

COWBRIDGE FIRST TEAM ARE TAUGHT A TIMELY LESSON BY MAESTEG CC

MAESTEG First XI came to Cowbridge on Saturday in a league cricket encounter and almost left with a victory, giving the home side a reminder of their occasional frailty.

Maesteg won the toss and decided to bat first, no doubt because of the heat of the day, and the innings began slowly, owing to the accurate bowling of Ryan Taylor and Lloyd Bishop.

Try as they might, the Cowbridge bowlers could not achieve a breakthrough until the 14th over, when Lloyd had the opening bat caught behind by Sam Wood.

At that point the score was 43, and in the very next over Lloyd captured his second wicket when Adam Wood, appropriately keeping the catching in the family, brilliantly caught the incoming batsman in the covers!

However, the Maesteg batsmen concentrated hard, intent on repairing the damage and this they did successfully as the score moved to 93 in the 36th over. This over saw a repeat performance when Tom Merilaht, who bowled his victims comprehensively, took two quick wickets.

After this success, the bowlers toiled in the heat, but were unable to finish off the opposition completely and the innings finally ended on 159 for 7 in their 50 overs.

Nick Davies claimed the other three wickets that fell, helped by a neat stumping by Sam Wood, and some excellent catching from Rob Carney and Mike Lloyd.

Final bowling figures were: Tom 2–34, Nick 3–54 and Lloyd 2–25, a return that certainly did not reflect how well he bowled.

The total required was certainly well within the capabilities of Cowbridge, but form didn't count for much on the day.

Either from the heat of the afternoon or complacency, they stuttered to 150 for 9 wickets, 10 short of victory.

As usual, Tom Merilaht and Mike Lloyd opened the batting. Unfortunately, in the second over when the score was just five, Tom was caught behind. Rob Carney, in his first match for the First XI this season, joined Mike at the crease and they set about repairing the damage.

This they did successfully for the next 22 overs while scoring 75 runs.

Then Mike was bowled for 49. In the circumstances this was a more subdued innings from him, in contrast to his usual attacking exuberance, although he still managed a number of his fierce drives through and over mid-on and mid- off.

Together, they had established a strong position, needing just another 80 in 25 overs.

But then last season's batting frailty resurfaced, with only Rob mounting any resistance, being caught when he had scored 38 valuable runs.

The middle order fell cheaply and only Chris Willey managed double figures as the Cowbridge batsmen were forced on the defensive.

The outcome was left in the capable hands of Lloyd Bishop and Gareth Williams Davies, who batted out the final overs to take the score to 150, avoiding defeat and saving the team's blushes.

Tom Merilaht, commenting after the game, said: "It was an extremely disappointing performance, with batters slipping back into last season's slump after a good start from the top order. Hopefully, it's just a one-off".

On Sunday, on an equally hot afternoon, Mumbles Cricket Club was welcomed to the Athletic Field in the second round of the Welsh Cup.

Cowbridge fielded an even younger team, with a few of the Firsts and Seconds to add some experience. In the end, a Cowbridge XI finished second against a very powerful side from Mumbles, which included Darren Thomas, the former Glamorgan cricketer.

The highlights of the Cowbridge innings included another half century from Mike Lloyd and later, watching Alex Kurobasa and Harry Collier bowling at Darren Thomas, with Sam Wood keeping wicket.

Cowbridge managed 177 for 7 in their 45 overs. Mike (53), Chris Willey (33) and Adam Wood (26) provided most of the runs. The Mumbles batters, revelling in the conditions, knocked off the total required in the 29th over.

Next Saturday, the First XI are at home to Pontardawe Cricket Club and will hopefully return to the form shown in previous weeks. Your support will be most welcome, as usual.

DL

'Comfortable' win for bowls team against Cadoxton

COWBRIDGE Ladies have had a busy week, playing three matches in four days.

In the first, a Rosebowl, a two-rink contest, playing at home against Penylan Cardiff, Cowbridge won on rink one but lost on the other and the match.

Match score: Cowbridge 27, Penylan 30. Rink scores: Joan Bradley's team 16-11; Janet Legg's team 11-19.

For the second game the following day, Cowbridge, again at home, faced Pencoed for the third time this season.

This match, for the Cowbridge Shield, went Cowbridge's way. **Match score: Cowbridge 56, Pencoed 27.**

Rink scores: Sue Flower's team 21-10; Joy Woolford 21-9; Helena Snelling 20-8.

No doubt Pencoed will be seeking revenge in the return match in July!

The third game, a league match, was away to a strong Llantwit Major ladies team.

The home team came out on top, winning all three rinks and by a **final total of 61-39**. Rink scores: Pat Davey 13-18; Joan Bradley 15-19 and May Jones 11-24.

In its mid-week game, the men's team was at home to Cadoxton. Most of the Cadoxton members are also members of the Sully Indoor Club and have had a winter playing on a carpet green.

A close game was anticipated. In the event, one Cowbridge rink had a single shot victory, another drew, but there were comfortable Cowbridge wins on the other two.

Match score: Cowbridge 86, Cadoxton 54. Rink scores: Peter Launder 19-18; Dennis Snelling 26-9; Byron Richards 27-13 and Norman Wilkinson 14-14.

Ogmore Vale men's team provided the opposition in the Saturday Carruthers match, played out on the hottest day of the year at Ogmore Vale. (Two weeks earlier, teams had perished at Gilfach Goch on what must have been one of the coldest days.)

The Ogmore team, like many of the valley teams, give opportunities to their youth and three teenagers were in their team.

Cowbridge made a promising start on three of the rinks and a poor start on the other. After 10 ends (at the tea interval), there were only a few shots difference overall.

Someone said about football: "It's a funny old game." The same could be said about bowls!

This game was certainly one of two halves. Those that had started well lost their way and Roger Barwick's quartet, the poor starters, won their rink by a single shot 19-18. Roger was well supported by Terry Dunsworth as lead, Brian Williams at two and Brian Kent at three.

Other rinks scores were: Dennis Snelling 11-24; Norman Wilson 14-25 and Byron Richards 20-22.

Although Cowbridge lost overall by 25 shots, this was a big improvement on the last game when these teams met at Ogmore in 2003. Cowbridge lost that one by 80 shots.

Finally, Friday Social Triples start on June 4 (6.15pm for 6.30pm start). Teams have been selected and all those listed (see noticeboard) are requested to attend so that arrangements regarding availability can be agreed.

MB

A loss out west for third team

THIS week, the Cowbridge CC Third X1 went west and it was always expected that Carmarthen might be a tough nut to crack – and so it proved.

The team arrived at a bijou ground outside Carmarthen, where it was immediately clear that the boundary would be a major factor.

Cowbridge won the toss and elected to bat, as much to avoid the heat as to achieve any competitive advantage.

After a rather rocky start, Mahdav and David Webb stabilised matters, scoring respectively 20 and 15 which, with the addition of 35 from next batsman Philip Webb, comprised the major part of Cowbridge's 106 all out from only 26 overs. Tea was therefore taken early.

Seventeen out of the 27 scoring strokes were fours, reflecting the short boundaries, and gave warning of what the opposition might achieve.

After tea, Carmarthen attacked the Cowbridge bowling, but Michael Hordley persevered and achieved respectable economy and one wicket. Thomas Scott-Coombes then came on and produced an unusual degree of turn to earn a well-deserved wicket.

After a short intermission to watch a Great Western steam locomotive (Manor Class?) pull a train along the nearby line, the Carmarthen batsmen made the required total for the loss of only two wickets.

The Cowbridge team refused to admit defeat, as was shown again in the fielding of Hamzab Shami (on this occasion supported by his brother Hatim), Phil Graham and Richard Owen in particular.

It was not a successful outcome to a long trip, but the team has at least two wins to offset their two losses.

Seconds toil valiantly but it's all to no avail

ON a beautiful sunny day ideal for cricket, Cowbridge travelled to Maesteg hopeful of a repeat performance after last week's victory.

The captain, to the whole team's relief, called correctly and decided to bat. Both the openers, Jonty Webb and James Thomas, set about seeing off the new ball in a sensible fashion.

However, James went early to a good catch at midwicket, and it was fortunate that the seasoned veteran Jonathan Smart then joined Jonty.

Cowbridge needed to build a partnership after the loss of an early wicket, but another wicket was lost when Jonty holed out to fine leg.

Cowbridge were in dire need of some stability with the score at 16 for 2 and this was provided when Harri Collier joined Jonathan at the wicket.

Both started to push the run rate along, putting away the bad balls and batting very sensibly, under constant pressure from the Maesteg bowlers. They played superbly. Harri, as readers may not be aware, is an excellent left-arm spinner, and played especially well, handling an experienced and talkative Maesteg side with aplomb.

He eventually fell for a well-crafted 30, which left Jonathan to keep the scoreboard ticking.

He batted brilliantly, finding the boundary on regular occasions and running singles when necessary. Thanks to Jonathan's excellent 91 not out, Cowbridge reached 159 off 50 overs. Hopefully, this would prove a challenging target for Maesteg on a far from easy batting wicket.

All the Cowbridge bowlers worked tirelessly with the sun still beating down and despite early wickets for John Gilbert, who finished with outstanding figures of 15 overs, 2 for 28, Maesteg got closer and closer to the target. Although there was further fine bowling from Rhydian Harris, Chris Cox, Matthew Goodlad and James Thomas, Maesteg eventually reached the winning target with two overs to go, having lost six wickets.

Although the outcome was disappointing, Cowbridge players can be proud of the way they pushed an experienced Maesteg side to the very end and did not let their heads drop.

Cowbridge are away to Pontardawe next week and are confident of bouncing back after this defeat.

JW

NEWS FROM COWBRIDGE TENNIS CLUB

Mixed fortunes for the ladies tennis teams

COWBRIDGE ladies second team emerged triumphant after a hard–fought battle with Dinas Powys, winning by eight sets to seven.

The second team was represented by Sue Wilkins, Louise Hailstone, Julie Couzens, Pat Thomas and Kathy Harwood-Morgan and Caroline Summers. Success that is bound to breed more!

Saturday saw the first team go down to a rare defeat, losing 5–1 away to Cwmbran. The first team was represented by Alison Kurobasa, Gill Rideout, Jenny Lord, Jan Booth, and Karen James and Jane Richards. A blip that we are sure will be quickly rectified!

The men's team next match is at home to Cwmbran today (Thursday) at 6.30pm.

Anyone interested in playing competitive tennis to a good standard, should come along to men's practice night (cheer the team on, or join in and play on the fourth court) Thursdays 6.30pm or ladies practice night, Tuesdays 6.30pm.

PW

Harvey does the double!

BONVILSTON junior kart driver Tom Harvey put himself firmly in the driving seat for British Championship glory in Formula Kart Stars (FKS) at Whilton Mill, with an inspired performance that saw him take a double victory in the second meeting of the season.

Up against some 49 adversaries, problems during qualifying on Saturday left Tom to start his two heat races from outside the top 10, but he would brilliantly make amends.

A deserved second place in his first heat was snatched from his grasp almost within sight of the finish line when he was hit from behind.

Understandably frustrated, the 12-year-old nevertheless remained positive and rebounded in style in heat two, picking his rivals off, on occasion two-at-a-time, to take an important win that secured him 17th on the grid for the final

"I always believed I could win," Tom insisted. "I got a good start and then just kept on pushing to get to the front. By lap eight I was already into the top four, and because there was a lot of battling, on the penultimate lap, I was able to take the lead.

"Going into the last corner I had a reasonable gap and thought I was safe, but perhaps I relaxed a bit too much, because my team-mate caught me up going towards the line – I hadn't realised he was quite so close!

"When I found out I had won, I just felt so happy and relieved! To come from 17th to first meant a lot, and made it quite a special result. I would definitely rate it as one of my best wins, because I had to work so hard for it. It's certainly one I will remember."

Tom won again the following day, but it was a battle.

He said: "We all kept swapping places and at the start of the last lap I had an eight-kart train behind me, but I just kept my cool and made sure I didn't leave even an inch of space anywhere for someone to attack."

Tom left Northamptonshire with a commanding 18-point advantage in the chase for the coveted crown, and a full 48-point margin over third place.